



South Bucks  
District Council

## SHARED HOUSING SERVICE

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# What is the Housing Service?

- **Housing Standards**

Adaptations, Grants and Enforcement (poor housing conditions)

- **Housing Options**

Allocations (Bucks Home Choice), Homelessness and Housing Advice

- **Housing Enabling**

Strategy and affordable housing delivery

# **NOT A MERGER!!!!**

## **TIMETABLE**

- **April to October 2013**  
Service review of housing in CDC and SBDC
- **November 2013 to March 2014**  
Consultation and Recruitment
- **April 2014 to Date**  
Implementation

## **Progress**

- Single Team on harmonised terms
- Service based at CDC offices
- Customer Services and twice weekly surgeries at SBDC office
- New housing options software for SBDC
- Shared IT databases under development
- Work underway on shared processes

## **Next Steps – The Challenges (1)**

- Delivering the service for two authorities
- Homelessness prevention and the impact of welfare reforms
- Shortage of temporary accommodation
- Limited new affordable housing construction

## **Next Steps – The Challenges (2)**

- Poor house conditions and future grant funds
- Access to wider range of housing options (e.g. private renting, home ownership etc.)
- Future staffing

**Thank You**