

## Beechwood and Woodland Tower Blocks

Up to date position on the above Tower Blocks, and is it still the intention to demolish?

### Response

As you are aware, our Tower Blocks Action Plan was approved in 2019 and proposes a range of actions across our portfolio of 33 tower blocks. Beechwood and Woodland House were categorised within the Action Plan as 'Short' term blocks, meaning that they were identified as having a lifespan and proposal for action within 1-5 years. The original proposal was to dispose of the blocks by selling them on the open market. An exercise was commissioned to test the viability of this proposal, which found that there would be little or no appetite from developers/investors to acquire the blocks as a lot. Consequently, we are now reviewing our proposals through development of a business case to determine the future of these blocks. In order to fully assess all options, a procurement exercise is currently underway to appoint a consultant to investigate and develop investment proposals for the block, which will form part of a range of options considered within the business case, including demolition. It is hoped that this procurement exercise will be concluded and a consultant appointed in the coming months and the business case well developed by the end of the year. Residents and leaseholders within the blocks will be consulted as part of the development of any plans. Business case proposals may require approval from our Board and the Department for Communities before we can take the plans forward. I hope that this allows you a better understanding of the present position of Beechwood and Woodland House.