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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 16 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Can you advise how the Council Buy Back Scheme works, if it is still in existence,**

The revised buy-back policy has been in existence since October 2013 and comes under the heading of the "Re-acquisition of former Council Houses". The policy works on a principal based around the type of property. However the policy also aligns itself with the Scottish Government's "Mortgage to Rent Scheme". The following criteria, is used when assessing whether a property is suitable for re-purchase.

1. If your property is proposed to be demolished to make way for new housing under an urban regeneration scheme being promoted by Aberdeen City Council or if the building is suffering from major structural failure.
2. If your property meets the housing for varying needs standard. This includes amenity and sheltered housing or houses where significant barrier free adaptations have been undertaken.
3. If your property is in a low-rise or high-rise flatted building requiring major repair or renovation and you are not able to afford your share of the cost and re-purchase is essential to ensure that this work can be undertaken.
4. If you are unable to make mortgage repayments and your lender has instigated re-possession proceedings. In this instance, the Scottish Government's Mortgage to Rent Scheme will apply. You would have to apply directly to the Scottish Government to access the scheme, as time is short in this instance you would need to have evidence of a calling up notice, an initial writ notice of default, or a possession order.

**and also is it any property that has at one point been a council property and still in a council building (even though it has changed hands a couple of times), or is it only for ones that have been last purchased from the Council and not changed hands?**

A property that at one time, has been in Council ownership.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

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