# Housing and Wellbeing Service

Northampton's retained housing service

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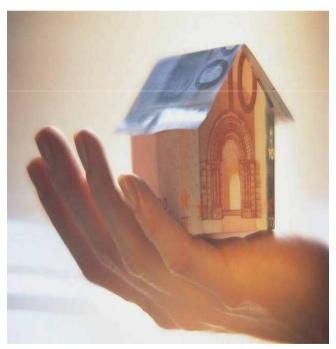


#### Housing and Wellbeing Service



#### **Housing Options and Advice**

- Preventing homelessness
- Dealing with harassment and illegal eviction
- Tackling rough sleeping and domestic violence
- Assessing affordability and advising on options
- Discharging Council's homelessness duties



#### **Housing Options and Advice**

- Housing Advisers and Money Advisers
- Outreach Workers (based at Oasis House)
- Homelessness
   Prevention Fund
- Homelessness Officers
- Interim (temporary) accommodation



#### **Oasis House**

- £5.5m Places for Change housing and support
- 48 x 1-bed apartments
- 24 hour support
- Courtyard garden
- Medical services and laundry
- IT / training suite
- Co-located services



#### **Private Sector Housing**

- Dealing with serious disrepair and unsafe, badly managed housing
- Licensing houses in multiple occupation
- Bringing empty homes back into productive use
- Operating not-for-profit social lettings agency



#### **Private Sector Housing**

- Assessing applicants' entitlement to Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs)
- Designing a suitable scheme of works
- Overseeing the DFG process to ensure the timely and satisfactory completion of works



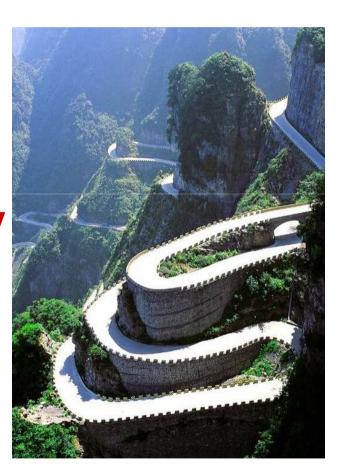
#### **Private Sector Housing**

- Senior Housing Standards Officer
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- A multidisciplinary team in social lettings agency (responsible for procuring, letting and managing)
- Senior Adaptations Officer
- Technical Officers and Caseworkers (Adaptations)



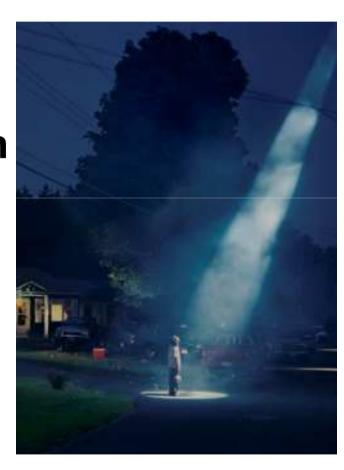
### Housing Strategy and Development

- Housing Strategy
- Homelessness Strategy
- Rough Sleepers Strategy
- Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Housing Allocations / Local Lettings Policies
- Development of new and affordable housing



### Community Wellbeing and Partnerships

- NCC is setting up a
   Community Interest
   Company to commission
   wellbeing services
- Your health
- Your home life
- Your social life
- Your work life



## Community Wellbeing and Partnerships

- NBC is leading a local Wellbeing Partnership that will transform the way in which local services work together
- Telling your story once



### Community Wellbeing and Partnerships

- Strong, effective partnerships
- Multi agency approach
- Co-operative, collaborative and proactive
- Shared values and objectives



### Key challenges

- Meeting housing need and demand
- Responding to welfare reform
- Supporting and improving the private rented housing market
- Getting everyone to work together



#### Real opportunities

- NorthamptonWellbeingPartnership
- Northampton
   Partnership
   Homes
- A joined-up approach to housing, social care and health



