

Consultation on Proposed Suspension of Modernised Right to Buy After 2012

The **Housing (Scotland) Act 2001** extended the **Right to Buy** to all tenants of **Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)** although a limited number of exceptions were also approved. Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association is an RSL.

However, this new Right to Buy was suspended for a period of 10 years from **30 September 2002 until September 2012**. In addition, the legislation allows RSLs to apply to Scottish Ministers for the suspension of the Right to Buy to be extended by a **further 10 years from September 2012**.

The Association's **Management Committee** have considered this matter and have decided that they wish to apply for the extended suspension of Right to Buy from 30 September 2012 **subject to the views of our tenants**.

In considering whether to make such an application, the **Management Committee** are aware of the **strong pressure on our housing list** (there are currently more than 600 applicants) and the **reduction in funds** to provide new housing which means that applicants will have to wait longer before being considered for housing.

We are inviting our tenants to let us have their views on our proposed application and you should contact us no later than 31 January 2012 to allow your views to be considered by the Management Committee at their meeting in February 2012.