

## **Appendix 'B'**

### **Case Study supporting the Financial Incentive Scheme to downsize**

Mrs X – SCDC single tenant lives in a 2 bedroom bungalow and is keen to move to a 1 bedroom bungalow. Savings are being used to pay the rent (14% reduced HB due to under-occupation by one bedroom). Mrs X has some depression/anxiety issues and is worried about moving. The bungalow she currently lives in is in good condition and is relatively modern. Mrs X was recently offered a 1 bedroom bungalow but refused it due to the condition of the bungalow. The property had received standard, minimal basic void works prior to being offered to Mrs X. A financial payment of say £500 is unlikely to have made a difference to her decision not to move. However if we had carried out some additional cleaning/decoration works and helped with organising the move this may have made a difference for this tenant who would have otherwise had difficulty organising the move and decoration works themselves.