

## **Fact Sheet 5 – Tenants' guide to the Deposit Bond**

### **Who is eligible for a Deposit Bond?**

To be eligible for this service you must be:

- Eligible for assistance
- At risk of homelessness or have a housing need
- Unable to secure a deposit
- Local to the West Suffolk area with an established connection.

### **How does the Deposit Bond work?**

West Suffolk Council will provide the landlord with a written legal guarantee to cover the deposit up to a fixed amount. The landlord is given a legal document to confirm that that West Suffolk Council would pay at the end of the tenancy if any damage occurred. Please note you would be responsible for repaying the Council if a claim was made.

### **How do I apply?**

To find out more information, please contact West Suffolk Lettings Partnership on 01284 757637 or email [landlords@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:landlords@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

Please note, you will be responsible for finding your own accommodation **FACT SHEET 1**, and once found, the Council will inspect the property to make sure it is suitable and affordable.

**Please note we have a limited fund for Deposit Bonds. Therefore even if you meet the above criteria, we cannot guarantee you will be successful in your application.**