Timetable for transfer

The length of time it takes to go through the transfer process will vary depending on a number of factors, including the amount of funding required and the complexity of the case. The timetable below is therefore indicative, but may be of help to local authorities in their planning. Where Government support for debt write-off or associated early redemption premiums is not sought, no DCLG/HMT approval of the Application is required.

Preliminary discussions with HCA/GLA leading to submission of transfer application (full business case)	
NB The application requires a certification that the transfer is supported by Councillors. (Required to provide a copy of resolutions regarding transfer passed by the Council, stating the extent of support for these.)	
HCA/GLA considers transfer application and where content makes recommendation for approval to DCLG (where debt write off not required HCA/GLA responds direct to local authority)	4 weeks
DCLG&HM Treasury consider transfer application and where content approves	7 weeks (12 weeks if more than £50 million sought)
HCA/GLA notify that Government is content and local authority may proceed to formal consultation subject to Offer Document being agreed NB Council/Cabinet need to approve Offer Document	1 week
Local authority statutory consultation (Stages 1 and 2) = The consultation on the offer + the ballot	9 weeks
NB Council/Cabinet need to confirm no changes to offer document after consultation period and agree to proceed to ballot	
Once there has been a positive ballot and the Council has to take a decision that it wishes to proceed with the transfer	
Engagement with Social Housing Regulator (new landlord)	20 – 35 weeks

Four week checklist – list of information to supply NB The local authority should submit a letter formally applying for consent under section 32-34 and/or 43 of the Housing Act 1985, addressed to the Secretary of State, at least four weeks before the proposed transfer date Also require Council minutes of decision to transfer.	4 weeks
Transfer completes	