The ULTIMATE House Viewing Checklist

Research the local property market
Carry out some research into the performance of the local property market as this will help you to determine how much the property is really worth.

View property more than once
It’s always sensible to visit a property you like multiple times. The more times you view it, the more likely you are to spot potential problems or fall in love with it more.

Investigate the surrounding areas
Take a stroll around the neighbourhood to assess how close every day amenities and services are to the property you are interested in.

Check utilities are in order
As you move from room-to-room during viewing, be sure to test utilities to make sure they are in working condition.

Take photos of the property
During the viewing imagine yourself living in the property with your belongings. Take photographs so you can reflect at home without the estate agent’s marketing images.

Ask questions
Don’t be afraid to ask the estate agent about the seller and the property. Go armed with a list of questions that are important to you.

Consider the additional costs
Many buyers forget to factor in the additional costs that can incur once you have bought a property. Enquire about fees for ground rent, service charges and parking.

Don’t let you heart rule your head
Don’t commit to any property straight away. If your heart rules your head you can rush decisions. Once you have completed the checklist above you can get excited.

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