Working out your offer (Stage 1)

Done Up Value

Start with the Done Up Value (DUV). This is what the property would be worth when the refurb is completed.

Your profit

Take off your desired profit level for a flip. Make sure that you're not simply reducing your profit to 'make the deal work'.

Refurb

Take off the cost of the refurb. This can be a ballpark while you're working on becoming an expert on your numbers. Remember to consider appliances and a higher spec of finish if required.

Fees

Take off solicitor fees (2x£750) for purchase and sale. If using a broker for bridging take off 1x£500.

Insurance

Empty building insurance is more expensive than standard occupied insurance. Allow for at least £500 depending on the value of the property.

Survey/Home Report

You'll either want to conduct a survey when buying in England and Wales, or a Home Report if selling in Scotland.

Utilities

Allow for holding and heating utilities. This includes Council Tax (you may be eligible for a discount) water, gas & electricity. Allow for 12 months.

Staging

Speak to a staging agent to get a rough idea of furnishing costs.

Agent Fee

Your sales agent is likely to charge around 1-1.5% of DUV

Provisional Number:

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Working out your Offer (Stage 2)

Provisional Offer

Copy your provisional offer from page 1.

Stamp Duty

Now calculate your stamp duty based off your provisional offer. It's not going to be perfect (as it's a cyclical calculation!) but it'll give you a pretty close idea. Remember if you are in Scotland or Wales it is higher!

Cost of Money

Take off an approximate cost of borrowing for the deal. You can use a rough guide of ~6% of the provisional offer, but if you know your borrowing costs then you can reflect this more accurately. Allow 12 months of borrowing costs.

Offer

This is your final offer based on your costs above!

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Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)

ROCE is a simple way to compare one deal to another. It's not a direct formula to decide how much profit to make, but if you're comparing multiple deals or analysing areas it can help to review opportunities. The calculation follows the formula: (Profit / Capital Employed)x100.

