

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

LANDLORD ACCREDITATION SCOTLAND PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND

Angus Council have been investigating ways to improve communication with landlords within the private sector. The private rented sector plays an important role in providing good quality housing for families in Angus.

Landlord training and cascading of information is vital for landlords to be well informed and aware of the continuing legislative changes. Many landlords hold the necessary skills to be a good landlord but need to strive to ensure their knowledge base is kept updated and allow them to support their tenants.

CURRENT POSITION

At present, regular communication with landlords is minimal. In the past, the Council held forums to cascade information to landlords who were registered. Due to resources constraints this ceased to happen from 2012/13.

A comprehensive web page used to exist, giving landlords one place to go for information and to make them aware of impending legislative changes. However, due to the transition to the Council's new website this is no longer available but this needs to be addressed as it was a valuable tool for landlords.

ACTION TAKEN

The Council has now taken step to enter into a partnership arrangement with Landlord Accreditation to provide information and local training events for landlords and letting agents registered with Angus Council

This is a voluntary scheme for Scottish landlords and letting agents which was launched in 2008 to promote best practice in the private rented sector by offering training and education across the country. Landlords will benefit greatly from having the opportunity to join this scheme, although it will not be mandatory. By becoming accredited landlords, they can assure tenants that the tenancy arrangement in place adhere to the standards as outlined in the Scottish Core Standards for Accredited Landlords and gives them recognition of doing their utmost to deliver high quality accommodation in an efficient way.

This partnership will improve the landlords' knowledge of the continually changing legislation, offering training and full support.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost to the Council associated with membership of this scheme is the annual fee of £2,000 which will be met form landlord fees. There is no separate landlord contribute to be Part of the partnership.

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