

Housing Committee 17th November 2021**Labour Group****Notice of motion**

It is recognised that the majority of private sector landlords in the city make a positive contribution to housing in our city and this is valued. However, a recent report revealed that almost half of private renters in South East were victims of illegal acts by landlords. We have provided much needed extra funding for the PRS enforcement team and have recruited more staff to tackle this problem in our city. We are now in a position to do more to deter rogue landlord activity.

The NRLA chief executive states that rogue and criminal landlords puts tenants at risk and undermines the reputation of decent landlords. It is essential that Brighton and Hove send out a strong message that rogue landlords will not be tolerated in our city. Many council across the country have adopted a zero tolerance approach to rogue and criminal landlords. It is high time we do the same.

This motion moves that:

1. This housing committee declares an intention to adopt a zero tolerance approach to rogue landlords
2. This housing committee agrees that a database of rogue landlords where action has been successfully taken should be made available on Brighton & Hove council website in accordance with s 4.5 of Rogue Landlord Enforcement Guidance for Local Authorities

Proposer Councillor Gill Williams

Seconder Councillor Theresa Fowler

Sources:

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/homes/property/news/19582869.almost-half-private-renters-south-east-victim-illegal-acts-landlords/>

<https://www.nrla.org.uk/news/chronic-failure-to-tackle-rogue-landlords-puts-tenants-at-risk>

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Rogue Landlord Enforcement Guidance for Local Authorities, April 2019 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government