

Thanet Landlords' Focus Group

Working for landlords in partnership with Thanet District Council



Meeting

Wednesday 14 June 2017

Council Chamber, Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ

Agenda

Start: 2.00 pm

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Universal Credit – discussion with Tony March (DWP)
5. Housing Options update
6. Housing benefit/Council tax benefit update
7. Matters for discussion raised by:
 - (a) Joanna Cornford
8. Selective licensing update
9. Landlord Event
11. Any other business

Finish: 4.30 pm

Chair: Teresa Bartlett

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Matters for Discussion

(a) Raised by Joanna Cornford:

The only issue I have at the moment is the blanket treatment of Landlords when it comes to Council Tax (CT) and the lack of turnaround time allowed to landlords for general repairs. Paying CT whilst repainting and other minor repairs is punitive.

When I queried this with TDC it was explained the CT charges would generate jobs and accommodation from properties which had been left empty for some years. Clearly this is now an established process but it does not mean it cannot be revisited, as it stands it must require considerable work on the part of TDC to calculate all the interim days or sometimes just hours between tenants and does nothing for the standard of property available, poor standards being something I constantly hear about from the numerous people who contact me direct for accommodation.

It would be interesting to hear what other landlords have to say, or perhaps it is an already much discussed issue!