

# Thanet Landlords' Focus Group

*Working for landlords in partnership with Thanet District Council*



## Meeting

Wednesday 03 July 2019

Austen Room, Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ

## Agenda

**Start: 2.00 pm**

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Attendance and resignations
3. Universal Credit (TBC)
4. Landlord Liaison Service update
5. Empty Properties update
6. Housing benefit/Council tax update
7. Private Sector Housing update
8. Matters for discussion raised by:
  - a) Nigel Pope
  - b) Teresa Dickinson
  - c) Colin Matley
9. Any other business

**Finish: 4.30 pm**

**Chair: Teresa Bartlett**

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### **Matters for Discussion**

#### **(a) Raised by Nigel Pope**

A review of the procedures now in place for prosecuting landlords/agents, etc., in terms of housing defects & selective licensing.

I noticed recently that one of our focus group members received a fine and how it came about would be interesting.

#### **(b) Raised by Teresa Dickinson**

The number of Improvement Notices currently in circulation and the effectiveness of these.

The new legislation for Agents to be a member of a recognised industry body came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and this is to be 'policed' by the relevant local Council, what are TDC's plans for this?

#### **(c) Raised by Colin Matley**

I would like to discuss "Overcrowding", Section 21s and the role played by Thanet Licensing Scheme.

As a Landlord I do not wish to continue playing the game!

The rules are not fit for purpose.

Feel a clear plan needs to be drawn up by Council.