

38816 Private Rented Sector

Please provide the job titles of staff whose principal duties involve private rented sector enforcement.

Private Rented Services Enforcement Officer.

How many full-time equivalent posts were dedicated to private rented sector enforcement duties in 2012, 2017 and currently in 2022?

Six full-time equivalent (FTE) staff in 2012, 2017 and 2022.

Please provide any research carried out or commissioned by the council since 2006 into the size and characteristics of its private rented sector.

No such research has been carried out or commissioned in this period.

Please provide information about any activities including projects or initiatives undertaken since 2006 to promote and support private landlord compliance with the law.

There are no specific or standalone activities or projects, instead the day-to-day role of the Private Rented Services Enforcement Team is to deal with complaints, enquiries and take proactive action to promote landlord compliance with legislation, and applicable licence conditions in relation to licensed properties such as HMO's.

Please provide information about any current activities, including any projects or initiatives to promote and support private landlord compliance with the law.

As detailed above in A4, this is part of the day-to-day remit of the Private Rented Services Enforcement Team.

Please provide information about how any activities in Question 4 & 5 were funded.

The day-to-day funding for the Private Rented Services Enforcement Team comes from fees derived from licensing fees from HMOs, and other fees in relation to landlord registration.

Please provide either the current council strategy for the private rented sector, or with a remit which includes the private rented sector.

Please refer to the following attached committee document:

38816 Strategic Approach to Private Rented Sector

Please provide information regarding which council team is responsible for Empty Homes.

The Private Rented Services Team includes an Empty Homes Officer (Not included in the six FTE referenced above) whose remit is specifically to deal with empty homes, aiming to bring them back into use.