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# YOUR PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR UPDATE

May 2022

## Additional licensing



A proposal for additional licensing in Portsmouth was considered at a Cabinet meeting on 22 March 2022 where it was decided that it should go to consultation.

[Click here for the full Cabinet meeting details](#)

The proposal is to implement a citywide additional licensing scheme which would apply to all smaller HMO properties which do not fall within the criteria of mandatory licensing. This means that all HMO properties which are occupied by three or four people forming two or more households, where facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms are shared would need to be licenced under the proposed additional licensing scheme.

The consultation period will begin on 23 May 2022 and will run for 10 weeks.

## How will you be able to have your say on this consultation?

- You can complete an online survey on the council website
- If you would like a paper copy of the survey please call 023 9283 4092 and we will arrange one to be sent to you.
- In person drop-in sessions will be held at various locations where you will be able to discuss additional licensing with an officer.

A link to the online survey and the dates and locations of the drop-in sessions will be included in the next newsletter.

## Landlord workshop



Private sector housing run online workshops to offer advice and guidance on topics which we hope you will find beneficial. There is information about the workshops below, as well as details on how you can express an interest in attending them.

**Private Rental Scheme workshop:** An opportunity to learn more about the schemes that are available to you if you are thinking about letting your property through Portsmouth City Council. **Wednesday 11 May, 12:30pm and 6pm.**

Workshops are held online via Microsoft Teams meetings, and usually last around 45 minutes. You can join a Teams meeting anytime, from any device, whether or not you have a Teams account. Once you have expressed interest in attending a workshop, we will e-mail you with a link to join the session beforehand.

[Express an interest](#)

## Ukraine Support

Private sector housing along with other departments have been working hard to welcome Ukrainian refugees and provide them with safe housing. So far we have carried out 50

property inspections of Portsmouth residents who have applied to be part of the Homes for Ukraine government scheme.

If you are interested in letting your property out to a Ukrainian refugee, please email:

[UkraineSupport@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:UkraineSupport@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

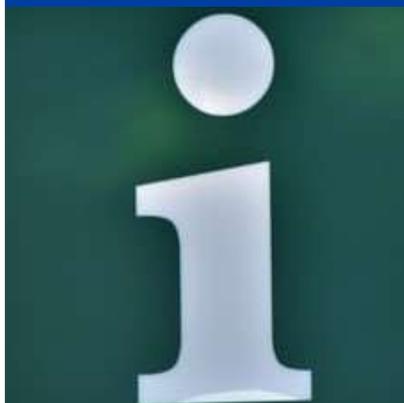
## Landlord and tenant mediation service

We're working with Portsmouth Mediation Service to pilot a scheme to help landlords and tenants navigate difficult situations in a more positive way.

The mediation service offers free, independent advice and support for both landlords and tenants who find themselves at odds on a range of topics, including rent arrears and repairs. Click below to find out more.

[Portsmouth Mediation Service](#)

## Information points



### Waste management

For information on waste management at your properties and how to ensure you have the correct bin storage follow the link below.

### Future newsletters

If there is anything that you feel you would benefit from being included in future newsletters, please let us know using the tab below.

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### Licence holder reminder

Please ensure that you update us on any contact details or managing agent changes.

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