

## **Notice of Motion: 'Report a Rogue' Landlord and Rogue Landlord Checker Tools for Flintshire**

*Proposed by: Cllr Sam Swash*

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### **This Council notes:**

1. that data from Shelter Cymru shows that up to one third of people in Wales are living in unsafe or unaffordable housing.
2. that one in ten people in Wales are living in properties that are not structurally sound or have issues such as faulty wiring or fire risks.
3. that tens of thousands of people say that they have experienced discrimination when trying to find a home.
4. that one in four people in Wales are living in homes with significant damp, mould or condensation problems.
5. that there are now more people in Wales living in the private rented sector than live in social housing.
6. that the number of rogue landlords being prosecuted by local authorities in England and Wales remains very low, despite large numbers of complaints.
7. that in 2017 Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, launched a 'Report a Rogue' online tool to report concerns with a rental property or landlord to the enforcement teams in the relevant borough.

### **This Council believes:**

1. that the housing crisis represents one of the greatest challenges facing both Wales and the United Kingdom.
2. that tenants should be better protected from facing discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, disability or pet ownership.
3. that local authorities should take seriously their duty to take enforcement action against rogue landlords.
4. that tenants should be encouraged to report rogue landlords to their local authority and that the local authority should keep a public database of landlords who have been prosecuted or faced civil enforcement action for housing offences.

### **This Council resolves:**

1. to create a 'Report a Rogue' tool for tenants to report rogue landlords to Flintshire County Council.
2. to create a Rogue Landlord Checker; a publicly available and searchable database of landlords in Flintshire who have been prosecuted or faced civil enforcement action for housing offences.