

Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	22 October 2025
Title of Report:	Renters Rights Bill
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)
Lead Strategic Director:	Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)
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Your Reference:	RRB/25
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To respond to a request from the Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the Council's preparedness ahead of the introduction of the Renters Rights Bill.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. That the Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel note the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. No other options have been considered as this is an update report for the Committee.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report relates to the Plymouth Plan Policy HEA8 – 'Targeting intervention and resources to improve the standard, quality and management of private sector housing'.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

It is anticipated that initial recruitment will be funded by new burdens funding. The Renters Rights Bill stipulates that money received from civil penalties will be ringfenced and retained by the council. Ringfenced money will be used to fund members of the team going forward.

Financial Risks

It is not anticipated that the proposed actions will cause negative financial impacts.

Legal Implications

(Provided by Ian Wills)

The Bill will introduce new legislation which Plymouth City Council must be compliant with.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

It is not anticipated that the proposed actions will cause negative environmental impacts.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

N/A

Appendices

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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A	Renters' Rights Bill Briefing Paper							

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Matt Garrett											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 06/10/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities), <i>approved by email</i>											
Date approved: 07/10/2025											