Croydon Landlord Newsletter (June 2021)

This newsletter has been sent to all previous licence holders even if you have previously requested to unsubscribe due to mandatory/legal reasons.

Two licensing designations

On the 20 July 2020 Croydon Council made an application to the government asking for confirmation of two licensing designations in the borough. On the 8 June 2021 the council heard that the government had refused the applications from Croydon.

We are now considering the government's response before deciding on any next steps in the months ahead. In the meantime we will be able to continue to investigate and act on local private tenants' concerns by using Housing Act powers, but without the scale of proactive inspections and support that was made possible under our previous scheme.

Mandatory houses in multiple occupation (properties occupied by five or more people in two or more households that share kitchen or bathroom facilities) are still required to be licensed – <u>find out more on our website</u>.

If you have any questions about selective licensing in Croydon please email <u>CPRPLconsultation@croydon.gov.uk</u>

Warmer Homes funding for privately rented properties

For a limited period, Croydon landlords may be eligible for grant funding for solid wall insulation, air source heat pumps or solar PV installations through the government's Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery (LAD) scheme, and Croydon Council's partnership with AgilityEco, through their Warmer Homes programme. Up to £5k of grant funding is available per property, but landlords are required to contribute 1/3 of the costs of the works.

To be eligible for grant funding your tenant's gross annual household income must not exceed £30,000 and the home must have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D or below. Funding is allocated on

a first come first served basis, and works must be completed by September 2021.

For more information and to apply: Warmer Homes

April 2021 - Electrical safety

From April 2021 all privately rented properties must have a current (within 5 years) electrical installation condition report. Further information can be found at <u>electrical safety</u>.

Registering electrical appliances

AMDEA (the UK trade association for the manufacturers of domestic electrical appliances) is encouraging registration of household appliances. Product Registration allows consumers and landlords to be contacted more quickly in the event of their appliance being subject to a recall, enabling them to take the appropriate action. Landlords are encouraged to register their appliances with the manufacturer or using the <u>https://www.registermyappliance.org.uk/</u> portal.

Contact us for further enquiries - propertylicensing@croydon.gov.uk