

## **Future of Landlord Licensing in Croydon**

### **Consultation ends soon! Please have your say.**

The consultation on the future of private sector landlord licensing is progressing well with events being well attended.

If you want to find out more or meet staff please come to the advice stands at Croydon Central Library (next to Town Hall). Laptops will be also available to complete the questionnaire. We are running these on work days from:

***Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020,  
(Excluding Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>).  
10am – 5pm (in the central foyer)***

The deadline for the consultation is midnight on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Ensure you make your views known before the deadline!

Use this [LINK](#) to access the licensing consultation proposals.

For information please email: [CPRPLconsultation@Croydon.gov.uk](mailto:CPRPLconsultation@Croydon.gov.uk) or phone on 020 8760 5476.

### **VOA Rent Officers – Lettings Research Working in partnership with landlords and letting agents**

Annette Lewis, Valuation Office Agency's (VOA) role is to collect lettings information from a variety of sources including landlords, letting agents, educational establishments and others to help with statutory valuation work, and in their role supporting the work of the Office of National Statistics to produce a range of Private Rental Market Statistics. Annette has been working in partnership with the London Borough of Croydon to try and inform landlords, including attending Croydon's landlord forums.

Whilst VOA regularly collect data from large numbers of estate and letting agents in Croydon and elsewhere, they are particularly keen to gather details of market rents for assured/shorthold tenancies from individual landlords and property companies, who let direct. They would not be able to use data on properties if they were let substantially below an open market rent.

Nationally over 12,000 agents and landlords provide VOA with details of over half a million open market rents. As more people like you add their input, so the lettings information improves in range and quality.

To find out more about what Rent Officers do, and how your rental information is used, visit their website: [www.voa.gov.uk/lettingsresearch](http://www.voa.gov.uk/lettingsresearch)

If you feel you can help by telling VOA your own market rent for any rooms and self-contained properties you have let, then they need to have a full address and basic property details and your name and contact details. An e-mail address or phone number will suffice. Forms can be requested from [annette.f.lewis@voa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:annette.f.lewis@voa.gsi.gov.uk)

The collection, storage, use and disposal of lettings information is strictly controlled <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/valuation-office-agency-rent-officer-functions-privacy-notice>

### **Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees**

Are looking for a well maintained, self-contained, three bedroom home in the Addiscombe area (or within a two mile radius) to house a vulnerable family fleeing conflict. This is part of the home office Community Sponsorship Scheme, which encourages community support for families who have been identified under the vulnerable children/vulnerable person resettlement programmes. The group will support the family through their resettlement experience.

Landlords get the benefit of an easy tenant family and guaranteed rent for two years. If you have a suitable property available please email: [addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com](mailto:addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com)