Newham Private Rented Sector E-Bulletin

February 2023 Private Sector Housing Standards Email: <u>Propertylicensing@newham.gov.uk</u>

Dear Newham landlords, licence holders and agents,

Newham Selective Licensing Designation

We write to advise you that our current Selective Licensing designation scheme is ending on the 28th February 2023. After Cabinet approval, a selective licensing confirmation application was made on the 25th July 2022 to the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities. The Designation has now been approved on housing conditions, significant and persistent anti-social behaviour and high levels of deprivation.

Property licensing consultation – Newham Council

The date the new Selective Licensing Designation scheme starts is the 1st June 2023.

This will therefore mean there will be a short break in the Selective Licensing requirement in Newham from the 1st March 2023 to the 31st May 2023. Landlords who privately rent out or let residential accommodation that is not a Mandatory or Additional HMO (House in multiple occupation) in the borough will not be required to apply for a Selective Licence from the council during this period.

We will be accepting early bird Selective Licence applications from the 1st May 2023.

A Selective Licence costs £750, for up to 5 years. However, there will be discounts available including an early bird discount reducing the fee to £400, for those who successfully apply from the 1st May 2023 and before the 30th June 2023. There are also discounts proposed for warmer homes and for being a certified member of a landlord accreditation organisation, which could reduce the fee down to £300 for the licence.

Further information in relation to the upcoming Selective Licensing Designation including frequently asked questions for landlords and managing agents will be released to the Property Licensing webpages shortly. Please visit <u>www.newham.gov.uk/propertylicensing</u>

Regards,

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