

Original Notice of Motion

Retaliatory Evictions

Proposed by Councillor Michael Andrewes
Seconded by Councillor Leo Madden

The council notes

The large number of Portsmouth residents who rent in the private sector

The need to protect residents who rent in the private sector from “retaliatory evictions” where they have asked for a legitimate repair and their landlord then evicts them.

That the vast majority of private landlords are responsible and the council has a long and constructive history of working with them for their and their tenants; benefit.

The increasingly widespread practice of “retaliatory evictions” or eviction when the tenant has asked of a legitimate repair to be made.

The council welcomes

The amendments put in to the Deregulation Bill by the Government to prevent retaliatory evictions, following the private members’ bill by Sarah Teather, MP

The council resolves

To support the amendments on retaliatory evictions

Ask the Chief Executive to write to Portsmouth MPs asking them to support the amendments in the last parliamentary stages

To ask the Cabinet to a. highlight and publicise the changes in a future issue of Flagship and b. ask the Council's officers to work with tenants and landlords to practically implement the changes and improvements to tenants’ rights on retaliatory evictions and other changes when they become law.