

## REMINDER - Croydon Landlord and Property Agents Forum

**Braithwaite Hall (Croydon Central Library)  
Tuesday 29 October 2024**

### Booking Essential

Croydon Council invites you to join the landlord and letting agent forum with a chance to meet and hear from important services.

Our last forum was in June 2024 and was well received.

#### Presentations

The forums will start at 10.30 am and 1.30 pm with the doors opening 30 minutes before for arrival and registration. Forums may not run if there are insufficient numbers of interested landlords or letting agents.

Spaces are limited.

	Doors open for arrival & registration	Presentation starts	Advice Tables from	Forum ends at
Forum 1	10.00 am	10.30 am	11.45 am	12.15 pm
Forum 2	1.00 pm	1.30 pm	2.45 pm	3.15 pm

To register your interest for one of the forums please contact the Private Sector Housing Team using the email [propertylicensing@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:propertylicensing@croydon.gov.uk) by **1.00 pm** on **Thursday 24 October 2024**. When responding please indicate your preference by stating forum 1 or forum 2. In the main your first choice will be honoured and an invitation will follow week commencing 21 October 2024. Please indicate names of attendees for registration purposes.

**If you have already registered your interest in attending this forum, you will shortly receive a confirmation email and do not need to re-book.**

**Location:** Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX. This is part of the Croydon Town Hall building. To get to the Hall please enter the building through the Croydon Main Library.

**Timings:** Please note the timings so that we operate the forum in a timely manner.

Presentations maybe subject to change without notice:

## **Agenda**

### **Session 1 – 10.30 am**

- Welcome from Nick Gracie-Langrick – Private Sector Housing Manager, Croydon Council
- Opening presentation - Councillor Lynne Hale, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Homes
- National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) - Osai Joseph and James Gladwin
- Croydon Plan - Julia Dawe, Spatial Planning Team, Croydon Council
- Homes for Ukraine – Philip Conteh and Michelle Christian, Croydon Council
- Minimising Damp and Mould – Clive Strachan and Tatiana Sapiano, Croydon Council Housing Department
- Q & A session (time permitting)

### **Session 2 – 1.30 pm**

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## **Advice Stalls**

National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA)  
Homes for Ukraine  
Housing Needs and Homelessness Procurement team  
Carbon Neutral team

## **Minutes from the meeting**

Whilst the forums are not recorded a copy of the presenter's slides will be available on the Croydon website soon after on this [LINK](#). Alternatively you can access via the Croydon website <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/landlords/landlord-newsletters-and-landlord-forum>.

## Minimising Damp and Mould

Condensation is the most common cause of damp. Adequate ventilation is essential to reduce the likelihood of condensation, to allow moisture in the air to escape before condensation occurs.

Further information on damp and mould can be found here:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/landlords/private-sector-housing-damp-condensation-and-mould>

**Clive Strachan and Tatiana Sapiano from the Housing Department**

## Croydon Local Plan

The Local Plan is used to determine planning applications. There is review of the Local Plan underway and further changes were needed following the appointment in May 2022 of the Executive Mayor, Jason Perry and subsequent approval of his Business Plan (2022-2026). The updated version of the revised Local Plan now takes account of the Mayor's Business Plan and addresses concerns raised on the previous 'Regulation 19' (which took place January-February 2022).

The revised Local Plan was approved for publication at the Cabinet Meeting on 27 March 2024 and subsequently approved at the Full Council meeting on 17 April 2024. The statutory Regulation 19 publication consultation took place and closed in August 2024. Thank you for those who took the time to consider the revised Local Plan and for comments received. These are now being summarised ahead of being sent to the Planning Inspectorate alongside the revised Local Plan for the Public Inquiry that will take place.

Find out more on the [Get involved Local Plan review page](#).

## National Residential Landlords Association

National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) [www.nrla.org.uk](http://www.nrla.org.uk) is the UK's largest membership organisation for private residential landlords in England and Wales, supporting and representing over 109,500 members. From landlords renting out a single property to those with larger portfolios, we provide our members with the expertise, support, and resources needed for a rental sector that works for everyone. NRLA membership also connects you with a vast range of resources, expertise, and exclusive member savings and benefits.

Join our vibrant landlord community today and you'll receive a plethora of membership discounts and benefits including but not limited to, free Landlord advice (Advice line is open 6 days per week), free unlimited resources including contracts, guides and templates, free webinars and networking events, comprehensive licensing support and discounted training and accreditation. The NRLA has over 50

commercial partners that allow us to offer further discounts including tax investigation insurance, mortgage brokers, tenant referencing, 10% off at B&Q and much more. The annual membership fee is just £99, and you can add an associate to your account who can **also benefit from the above savings. If you'd like to join**, please visit <https://www.nrla.org.uk/join>

**Osai Joseph and James Gladwin** will be available to offer advice at the October Forum

## Homes for Ukraine

Croydon Council Homes for Ukraine team continues to require your assistance in securing further private rented sector properties. You will receive a 'Thank you' payment for renting your property directly to guests.

Benefits include:

- The council will support tenants with their rent deposit and first month's rent payment.
- The council will pay every landlord who offers a property for a 24-month period, a one-off payment to house our clients. This payment will depend on the size of the property.
- In addition to this, the council will help the tenant to submit an application for housing support and ask that benefits are paid directly into the landlord's bank account.

If you would like to find out more about the scheme, please email:

[homes.ukraine@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:homes.ukraine@croydon.gov.uk)

**Philip Conteh, Project Manager and Michelle Christian, Housing Procurement and Intervention Officer, Croydon Council**, will be available to offer advice at the October Forum.

## Housing Needs and Homelessness New Procurement Team

Housing Needs has set up a new procurement team with the aim of procuring further accommodation to meet the demand from our homeless residents. (Accommodation includes B&B's, longer-term temporary accommodation, and private rented sector units).

The service would like to develop a strong relationship with private sector landlords, local managing and lettings agents and owners of empty properties to secure use of privately rented properties for households in housing. The service will help:

- Negotiate, prepare, sign off lease/management agreements with various providers for different schemes
- To agree all property rates and prices
- To ensure all properties acquired meet housing standards including the requirements of the housing health and safety rating system.
- To conduct regular inspections with accommodation providers (as and when required)

**Faisal Mir and Jackie Walsh, Croydon Council** will be available to offer advice at the October Forum.

## London Landlord Accreditation Courses

Over 2000 Croydon landlords and property agents are currently accredited through the London Landlord Accreditation scheme. If you are interested in becoming accredited, you need to attend a full day's training course.

### Face to Face Course dates at Croydon:

Thursday 6th February 2025.

The face to face training session will take place at Croydon Town Hall starting at 9am to 4.30pm.

For information about further training sessions, the benefits of being accredited, **booking** or the scheme please use this link: [LINK](#), alternatively you can access the information on this link: [https://](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/landlords/london-landlords-accreditation-scheme-llas)

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