

# MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Name of Member submitting the question: Councillor Mark Bateman

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To the Cabinet Member for: Leisure, Communities and Civic Amenities  
(Councillor Mrs Macpherson)

## Question:

1. Has the Local Authority implemented any Banning Orders in relation to the letting of housing since the powers invested in it by the Housing Act 2016?
2. Where can private renters find a database of identified rogue landlords and property agents acting within the Vale of Aylesbury?
3. What actions has the Council taken to ensure private renters are aware of the Rent repayment scheme which featured in the 2016 Housing Act?

## Response:

"The Housing and Planning Act 2016 received Royal assent on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and was enacted in October 2016. Although the Act has now become law, not all of the measures immediately came into force. The full timeline for some of the changes being introduced is still unknown.

With regard to Banning Orders draft regulations are expected in early 2017 which will provide more detail on what offences could result in a Banning Order. These regulations will likely come into force in October 2017.

The database of rogue landlords and agents will be held by DCLG and updated by Local Authorities, the regulations required to establish exactly what information will be held on the register are expected in October 2017.

Similarly the Government expects to publish guidance on civil penalties, rent repayment orders and a 'fit and proper person' test in March 2017, with the measures taking force in April 2017.

The Buckinghamshire Private Housing Group consisting of officers from Aylesbury Vale, Milton Keynes, Wycombe, Chiltern & South Bucks have these matters as an ongoing agenda item and will ensure that as soon as guidance and/or further regulations are made available we work to implement them in our respective districts consistently with one another at the earliest opportunity."

**Signed:** Councillor Mrs Macpherson

Date: 05/12/2016

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