

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

29 October 2015

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For the period September to 20 October 2015

Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Housing Register

The total on the register prior to the change of policy on 1st October 2014 was 2,494 and at the end of September 2015 was 1,612 a drop of 882.

45 applicants were housed during September into Housing Association accommodation.

25 new applicants were not admitted to the register during September as they did not meet the local connection criteria. 1 was denied access because they were over the income bar.

164 new applicants were accepted onto the register during September.

Long Term Empty Homes (LTEH)

Empty Month:	September 2015
Number of LTEHs:	792
LTEH as % of Stock:	1.10%
Previous Months LTEH:	855
Current LTEH + or – Previous	-63

Land Lords Forum

On 13th October, the Borough Council hosted the Private Rented Housing Forum at Yours Business Network, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn. I was pleased to be able to carry out the welcoming speech to the gathered landlords and letting agents. Presentations took place during the evening, with speakers from the Department of Work and Pension, the Eastern Landlords Association, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and the Borough Council – Housing Standards. There was a true appetite to learn about the new legislation that has recently come into force. There were information stands with staff providing advice and handing out an array of literature. The Council offered smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to landlords as part

of a scheme with the Fire Service to be sure the universal use of these devices in private rented housing. There was a great attendance of 70 people and real positive feedback was received about the event. The Council work with landlords and letting agents to support good management in private rented housing and help to inform about changes in legislation

Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Meetings with Officers
Joint meeting of R,D&E panel
Cabinet
Cabinet Sifting