



Dear tenant

Public meeting about the Government's proposed changes to council housing

The Government is planning to pass new laws about council housing soon – and if they go ahead, there will be a big impact on council tenants.

Like many tenants across Islington, the council is very concerned about these proposals, so we are holding a public meeting where you can find out about the plans and what the council is doing to oppose them.

The main changes planned by the Government are:

- **Pay to stay** – Tenants' rents would be decided by their household income, if it is over £40,000 per year. This means it is likely all tenants will need to provide information to about their income. Tenants with higher incomes could see their rents increasing up to the market rate.
- **Fixed term tenancies** - The council would be prevented from offering new tenants homes for life. The council would only be allowed to offer fixed term tenancies that last two to five years.
- **Selling 'high-value' council homes** – The council would be forced to sell properties that are valued over a certain amount, when their current tenants leave. This means the council would end up with far fewer properties to let to people who need them.

We believe the Government's plans will damage communities in Islington, and are wrong for our borough. We have been opposing the plans over the past year and we will keep fighting them.

The public meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 March between 6.30pm and 8.00pm at:

Islington Assembly Hall
Town Hall
Upper Street
London
N1 2UD

All are welcome, and we hope you can make it along.

Best wishes

Councillor James Murray
Executive Member for Housing and Development