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If the proposals are agreed, it would be the biggest change in private rented accommodation in the last decade. The City Council will have to seek government approval in order to be able to expand the landlord licensing scheme. It is hoped that this will happen in late 2020 or early 2021. The public will be able to give their opinion on the detailed proposals during a 10-week consultation this summer. Currently, all homeowners at several locations in Oxford are required to obtain a licence from the city council for work. HMOs are defined as homes rented out to three or more people who are not from the same family and who share objects - such as the kitchen. Between 2011 and 2016, the city council conducted 82 criminal cases and issued 47 official warnings against rogue landlords and HMO agents. In 2017, the government allowed local authorities to issue financial fines to landlords and out-of-agent agents, and since then the city council has issued 57 fines for GMO-related offences, including renting unlicensed, cramped and unsafe properties. The City Council says there is a new trend for Oxford rogue landlords, or their agents, to deliberately evade HMO city council licences and continue to rent out dangerous or non-standard properties to vulnerable tenants. The new proposals will see existing licensing powers expanded to cover all private rented homes in Oxford. There will be a processing fee for the application. Although the exact figure has not yet been determined, it is expected to be in line with the national average of around 600 pounds for a five-year licence. Suggestions: Expanding the current licensing scheme for HMO landlords so that it covers all 20,000 private rented homes in Oxford The new intelligence-led law enforcement model is using an algorithm to identify properties in the private rented sector that are unlicensed taking over the powers to fine rogue landlords whose properties do not meet the legal minimum energy efficiency standard Using a new lawyer to take on rogue landlords who try to dodge fines To meet minimum safety and energy efficiency standards the current registry of all properties licensed to be home to several professions in the Oxford City area, including references, address, occupancy details and start/end dates of license Resources Additional Information Legal Minimum Standards for Licensed HMOs are set in the Housing Act 2004 and national regulations. The GMO governance provisions cover legal responsibilities related to day-to-day GMO work. All licensed GMOs must have a fire hazard assessment. This requirement is a requirement under the 2005 Regulation of Regulation (Fire Safety) Regulation. HMO Oxford Standards We have prepared a guide to amenities and amenities to help everyone understand the legal requirements and standards in hmOs in the city. Download our Amenities and Convenience Guide to HMO License Pre-application Advice If you landlord is thinking about converting a property into an HMO and you would like us to visit to inform you of the HMO licensing requirements before you complete the work or apply for a license, please contact us at the link below. There is a fee for this service, see our fees and fees page for details. Book advice before licensing, visit the Guide to Landlords and HMO Licensing Agents This guide is to help landlords and agents understand the unique licensing requirements in Oxford, and explains the criteria for the different lengths of the license available. Download our guide to HMO Licensing Oxford's Guide to Private Tenants This is a general guide to help tenants understand their legal rights when renting privately. It includes a wealth of useful information relevant to GMO tenants. Download our guide to Private Tenants St Aldate's Chambers 109 St Aldate's Oxford, OX1 1DS Phone: 01865 252211 Email: email protected Four planning permission applications for converting homes into multi-occupation homes have been applied to Oxford City Council in the past few weeks. All of these applications were included in the latest weekly planning list published by the city council. Offers for HMOs for the following homes: 12 Windale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, two houses called Karam House and Fatima House at 84a and 84b Crescent Road, Temple Cowley Road, 56 St. Luke Road, Cowley, and 21 Haynes Road in Marston. Residents in the Districts have not given their say on the matter yet. GMOs are sometimes unpopular with neighbors. Also last week Oxford City Council's Eastern District Planning Committee went through an application to turn 18 Addison Crescent, near Donnington Bridge Road, into an HMO. Despite the fact that the neighbors were against it, because of the other 7 HMOs on the street causing problems with parking, Oxford City Council. Oxford has the 14th highest number of registered HMOs in England and Wales and 20% of the city's population is estimated to live in such properties, many of them students and passengers. The city council has previously been praised its a tough position on HMOs Oxford Civil Society because homeowners here not only need to register their property, but must seek planning permission as well. Oxford City Council requires all homes with three or more unrelated residents to be registered as HMO. See pictures of crackdown images on dodgy landlords could lead to a database of all 20,000 rented homes in Oxford being created. Oxford City Council's proposals for the biggest change in private rental housing in a decade aim to make unsafe and inanimate conditions (such as those depicted) a thing of the past. Plans launched yesterday could see every landlord of a private rented home in the city having to sign up for a licence. Deputy council leader Linda Smith said the new scheme would ensure a level playing field for all landlords across the city. Meanwhile one landlord welcomed the plans but said the council should make sure its licence requirements are achievable. ALSO READ: A man said he would set himself on fire in an Oxford block of council flats now requiring homeowners with multiple occupations to be licensed. These properties have three or more unrelated people living together and are also known as HMOs. The new plans would expand this licensing scheme to include everything from bedsits over shops, to rented family homes, to blocks of privately rented apartments. Linda Smith. The council has also set out plans paid for by THE Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government to develop a computer algorithm that can identify homes in Oxford that can be privately rented. A new licensing scheme and algorithm will be used to create a complete map of all of Oxford's privately rented homes. Also funded by the government will be a lawyer who can help the council tighten its processes for taking on rogue landlords. The council is also proposing to tighten energy efficiency in homes across the city, making sure all private rented homes have an energy efficiency certificate. According to the City Council, there is a new trend in rogue landlords across Oxford who are shying away from the current HMO licensing scheme. Some of these landlords have begun renting out their properties to families or couples, despite the fact that they have been declared unsuitable for an HMO license. According to the Office for National Statistics, 33 per cent of homes in Oxford were rented out in 2017. A 2014 study examining the state of housing in Oxford found that 13 per cent of private rented homes were in a state of disrepair. Ms Smith, who is also a member of the housing and leisure council's cabinet All we offer is to level the playing field so that every landlord in Oxford should be fit and proper person and that their properties have the necessary certificates to show that they are safe for tenants. Obviously, in an ideal world, we shouldn't ask for it. but we have found countless examples throughout Oxford homes where even these most basic standards have not been met and vulnerable tenants have been left in illegal and dangerous conditions. ALSO READ: Future plans for Chargers for Electric Cars Oxford discussed by private landlord James Crook, who owns five-bedroom HMO on Marston Street, said he thought extending the licensing scheme to all private landlords could be beneficial, as long as the terms of the council put on landlords were actually achievable. James Crook. He also welcomes the drive to improve environmental efficiency in Oxford housing. Mr Crook said: I think it's important how housing in the UK is pretty outdated. It just has to be possible. If they say that everyone should replace every window, then it will be too expensive. Before council plans can go ahead, it will have to make a case in the UK government should it be eligible to introduce an all-city licensing scheme. Three London boroughs have already done so successfully. The council now plans to ask Oxford residents their views on the plans, with public consultation planned later this year. The council introduced its WMO licensing scheme in Oxford in 2010. At the time it was the first council in the UK to do so. So.

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