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Private Rented Housing

Policy and Legislation

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Shelter Conference, Perth, August 2007

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A new administration

- Nicola Sturgeon - Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing
- Stewart Maxwell - Minister for Communities and Sport
- SNP Manifesto – housing affordability and support for 1st time buyers
- “The Housing Challenge Facing Scotland”, Holyrood, June 21 2007

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Current policy framework

Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004:

- National Landlord Registration Scheme

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006:

- Tenancy Deposits
- HMO licensing
- Repairing Standard & PRHP

Other policy issues:

- Landlord Accreditation

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Landlord Registration

- Ministerial support for the policy
- Taking stock
- Ensuring better progress
 - Working with local authorities
 - Consultancy support
 - Reviewing the scheme

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Landlord Accreditation

- Why accreditation?
- Pilot accreditation schemes
- A National Landlord Accreditation Scheme
- Next steps

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Safeguarding Tenancy Deposits

- 2006 Act provisions for a Statutory Tenancy Deposit Scheme
- Tenancy Deposits Working Group
- Evidence base – survey work
- Current best practice

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HMO Licensing

- New provisions in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006
- Consultation and implementation in 2008
- Review of Scottish Planning Policy 3 (SPP3) – Planning for Housing and Review of Policy on HMOs

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Other relevant policy work

- Work to tackle illegal evictions
- Roll-out of Local Housing Allowance
- Local Housing Strategies

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