

Bad housing wrecks lives

Is this bill the answer?

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The Housing Improvement Task Force  
undertook:

“a comprehensive review of housing  
policy as it relates to the *condition* of  
private sector housing in Scotland”

A more comprehensive approach includes:

- Management standards for private renting
- Protecting rental deposits
- Tackling illegal eviction
- Rights for mobile home renters
- Reusing empty properties

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Bill should contribute to:

- increasing supply of affordable housing
- pushing up standards across the private sector

## Management Standards for Private Landlords

- Minimum operating standard *alongside* minimum repairing standard
- Bringing together existing rights
- Recourse to Private Renting Panel

## A Rent Deposit Protection Scheme

- all deposits held centrally
- money invested to finance Scheme
- speedy return of deposits
- alternative dispute resolution

## Illegal Evictions

- a new duty for local authorities to investigate eviction
- better placed to draw up a prosecution case

## Mobile Homes

- outdated and complex law fails to protect mobile home renters
- Bill only addresses part of the problem
- Need a thorough review of legislation



## Empty Homes

- Discretionary powers for local authorities to compulsorily lease empty property
- New powers to bridge the gap between voluntary schemes and compulsory purchase

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Thank you  
and enjoy the rest of the day