

Council, 16 July - Member Motion: Awaab's Law and council properties

This council supports the concept and ethos of Awaab's Law and the protection that it will give to tenants, due to become law later this year should the new Government continue with the initiative started under the previous Government. The Council has clear duties to its own tenants in relation to damp and mould, and in some circumstances can share the responsibility with leaseholders of any of the flats purchased under the Right to Buy scheme to their own private tenants where there is damp and mould, dependent on the nature and cause of the issues.

It is evident that the condition of a number of flats in Manor Road, Stansted have mould and would not see us or other landlords conform to Awaab's Law. Not only is this issue potentially affecting the health of vulnerable tenants, including children, there would be the chance of significant fines being levied on the council and reputational damage ensuing after the law is introduced.

We call on this council to carry out any further inspections of these council properties necessary and to implement remedial repairs swiftly to ensure full compliance with Awaab's Law, working with any sub-letting private leaseholders to support them in their own duties as landlords.

Submitted by Councillor Moran

Seconded by Councillor Gooding