

COUNCIL

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ITEM NO: 20

TITLE: “Landlords who lock tenants out”

PROPOSING COUNCILLORS: Sarah Merrill, Averil Lekau, Christine Grice, Danny Thorpe, Chris Kirby, Don Austen, Jackie Smith, Linda Bird, Denise Hyland, Angela Cornforth, Matthew Morrow, Tonia Ashikodi

This Council condemns the atrocious practice of some landlords who lock tenants out of their so-called homes from early morning until sometime in the evening.

This is the practice that affects some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Often those most vulnerable are those for whom English is not their first language, elderly and/or newly arrived in Britain.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich is operating a landlord licensing which has been brought in to drive up standards in HMOs. The Council also has powers it can use to prosecute landlords who harass tenants which may include locking them out at any time of the day or night or renting rooms for only a few hours a day, or a bed share scheme. RBG also provides services to ensure that everyone is aware of their rights.

This Council will undertake to find all of these landlords and to ensure they comply with the licensing regulations.