



20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Senedd members,

I committed in Plenary to write to you with details on Leasing Scheme Wales.

Leasing Scheme Wales was launched in January 2022. The scheme involves local authorities leasing and taking over the management of private properties over a period of between five and 20 years.

We currently have 19 Local Authorities signed up to the scheme with a further two local authorities expected to join early in 2025.

The scheme highlights the value of the Private Rented Sector (PRS) in providing good quality accessible housing and the contribution that the PRS can provide in helping to address homelessness.

Welsh Government are funding the scheme to provide:

- Secure and good quality accommodation
- Leases of between 5 and 20 years
- Guaranteed rental payments for the length of the lease, at the relevant Local Housing Allowance rate.
- Grants for property owners of up to £5,000 to £25,000.
- Any repairs of any damage to the property made by tenants
- A guarantee of appropriate support for tenants, for the life of the lease.
- There are no management fees paid by the landlord or property owner.

The scheme has nearly 300 properties signed up so far with 60 % of properties having been empty for more than 6 months.

A national publicity campaign has recently launched to make landlords and property owners aware what the scheme has to offer. In October the social media content was viewed over half a million times, and local authorities are reporting a significant increase in enquiries about the scheme. A link to some of the publicity material used is below.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope that you can promote the scheme to your constituents who may be interested in finding out more.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jayne Bryant AS/MS**

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