

Tameside Social Lettings

Bond scheme and tenant finder service



Information for landlords

Tameside bond scheme

Tameside Housing Advice is the homeless prevention service for Tameside Council. We run the Tameside Bond Scheme which aims to help people find accommodation in the private rented sector if they are:

- Homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- Meet the criteria for the bond scheme; and
- Cannot afford to provide a cash deposit

What is a bond?

A bond guarantee is a written agreement between you, the applicant and us. It states that we will be financially responsible for the cost of any damage caused by the tenant, up to an agreed amount. As the bond is only designed to ease the financial pressure at the start of a new tenancy, the bond usually expires after the initial six month contract.

The tenant is advised to save for when the bond expires and is required to sign to say they agree to this.

Benefits to the landlord

- Straight forward process for making a claim if needed
- No requirement to place a cash deposit in a national rent deposit protection scheme
- No letting or introductory fee
- A self assessment form to carry out an inventory of the condition of the property at the start of the tenancy, including all furniture and white goods

- Assurance that we support potential tenants throughout the process, and provide them with advice on their responsibilities as a tenant

Tenant finder

As part of our service, we offer a tenant finder scheme for private landlords.

Once instructed 'Tameside Social Lettings' will act on your behalf to let your property, this includes:

- A property inspection whereby we can advise on legal requirements and repairs
- Assisting in securing the maximum rental amount
- Advertising the property on our website
- Finding and vetting the most suitable tenant
- Arranging accompanied viewings
- Access to the Tameside Bond Scheme
- Assistance with Housing Benefit applications (if necessary)
- Safeguarding Housing Benefit direct to the landlord
- Arranging the tenancy sign up and drawing up the tenancy agreement

Once the tenancy is set up and the tenant has moved in, the responsibility for managing the tenancy remains with the landlord.

Many landlords have already used the scheme and have been delighted with the service...

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“I would be happy to use the service again in the future for other properties. It was very quick and meant a minimal loss in income for us.” *“I received an excellent service. Efficient, professional and proactive. Highly recommended.”*

Please note there is a fee for this service.

For more information, contact Amy today.

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