

WELCOME

By Tina Favier, Director for Housing and Communities

Welcome to this issue of Adur Together, which we hope you find useful as we continue to improve your homes.

You may have heard about local government reorganisation, where new unitary councils will be created to replace district, borough, city and county councils in Sussex.

Adur District Council recommended to the Government that a two-unitary council option was the best for West Sussex.

The Government recently informed us that it has not yet decided what the new councils will look like. A decision is now expected this summer. This doesn't change the overall timetable with new arrangements coming into place in April 2028.

There will be no immediate changes to Adur Homes. I would like to reassure all tenants that the new council will remain committed to providing council housing within the Adur area and you will be informed and engaged



throughout any change.

Once we know more about what the changes mean for you, we will let you know. In the meantime, we will continue to manage your property with a focus on ensuring that it is a safe, secure and sustainable home. More information on this is available at:

www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/news/pr26-036.html

RESIDENT DROP-INS

Drop-in sessions are open to everyone for any issue relating to your home or your tenancy. No need to book, just turn up and have a chat with a member of the team. All of our venues have free on-site parking and level access.

- **Tuesday 12th May, 2pm to 3:30pm**
Deall Room, Southwick Community Centre,
24 Southwick Street, BN42 4TE
- **Monday 18th May, 5:30pm to 7pm**
Harriet Johnson Centre, 18 Loose Lane,
Sompting, BN15 0BG
- **Wednesday 17th June, 5:30pm to 7pm**
Lancing Parish Hall, 96 South Street, BN15 8AJ

Hot topics: Here are some of the things we've helped tenants with at our drop-ins so far this year:

- Repairs
- Damp and mould
- Financial support for downsizing to a smaller home
- Needing a bigger home for a growing family
- Reporting noise nuisance
- Garden boundaries
- Confidential support for domestic abuse
- Change of name

RENT INCREASE

At the beginning of March, we wrote to all Adur Homes tenants about this year's annual rent increase.

Rents for all properties will be increasing by 4.8% in line with government rules.

The rent you pay goes directly to cover the costs of maintaining your property and running Adur Homes services.

The cost of providing these services has increased with inflation and this is reflected in your new weekly rent and service charge.

If you have mislaid your letter, or need a reminder about your new weekly rent,

please get in touch and we will be able to give you the information you need.

If you pay your rent by direct debit, it will be automatically adjusted and you will be notified in writing of your new payment amount.

Bank transfers and standing orders will not automatically adjust, so please remember to update your online banking or ask your bank to change the amount.

Housing Benefit payments will be automatically adjusted, but tenants in receipt of Universal Credit will need to

update their journal with the new weekly rent.

Garage rents have not increased and remain the same as last year - £13.23 for tenants and £15.88 for non-tenants.

We do understand that many tenants are finding their finances squeezed due to the cost of living.

If you are having difficulty with paying your rent, please reach out to your housing officer as soon as possible.

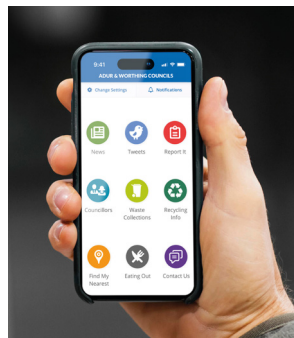
There is help and support available for you. Please see our website for more information.

BIN DAY CHANGES

We've got lots of bank holidays coming up which will mean changes to your usual bin collection day.

The easiest way to check your bin collection day is via our website or by downloading our App:

www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/bin-day



Did you know that the council offers a kerbside collection service for Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment?

We can recycle small appliances, batteries and even disposable vapes! Just bag them up and leave them next to your rubbish or recycling bin on collection day.

Note: Batteries and vapes should **never** be disposed of in your recycling or rubbish bin.

More information is available on our website:

www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste/what-you-can-recycle/#weee



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