

### **ETF Repairs Group Meeting, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre**

Our next ETF Repairs Group Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, EH7 5QY**. The guest speakers will be Willie Crawford, Operations Manager, Housing Property, City of Edinburgh Council and Michelle Moore, Team Leader, Repairs Direct, City of Edinburgh Council. The topic for the meeting is the role and remit of the Council's Housing Property Service. If you have any questions that you would like to send in, in advance of the meeting, please email Mary Callaghan at [mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:mary@edinburghtenants.org.uk). **There will also be an opportunity to give an update on what is happening in your local area.** Bookings can be made via our website [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk) or email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk).

### **City of Edinburgh Council Tenant Participation Strategy**

How would you like to have your say in influencing the City of Edinburgh Council's Tenant Participation Strategy? The Council is currently asking for views on how tenants can influence decision making regarding their home and community. This is a great opportunity for tenants to have their say on what should be included in the Tenant Participation Strategy. If you are interested in taking part, please email [tenant.panel@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:tenant.panel@edinburgh.gov.uk) or phone 0131 529 7805. **The closing date for responses is 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

### **Review of Community Planning in Edinburgh**

The City of Edinburgh Council is currently consulting on its Community Planning arrangements. This includes:

- How communities and community groups can more effectively influence decisions about their community;
- How arrangements can be improved to:
  - Make it clear how decisions are made, and who is making them, by improving the groups and structures involved;
  - Make partnership working stronger;
  - Make better connections between the different levels of partnership working in the city.

You can take part in the review by clicking on the link

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/bi/edinburgh-partnership-review-and-consultation-of-g/>

or email [community.planning@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:community.planning@edinburgh.gov.uk). **The closing date for responses is 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

### **Sheltered Housing Liaison Group Conference, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 11.30am-3.30pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile**

Are you a tenant living in a Sheltered housing complex in Edinburgh? If so, you are invited to the Sheltered Housing Liaison Group Conference on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 11.30am-3.30pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ.**

The conference will be an opportunity for you to:

- Meet other sheltered housing tenants;
- Hear about the recent survey;
- Give your views and ideas;
- Tell us why 'Democracy Matters'.

For bookings and more information please contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509, email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or book online via our website [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk).

## Have Your Say, City of Edinburgh Council Budget Consultation

Would you like to have your say on the best ways the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) can invest rent to help tenants save money and invest in your home, your services and your neighbourhoods? The City of Edinburgh Council is currently carrying out a budget consultation which runs until **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. This is an ideal opportunity for tenants to help shape the future of housing in Edinburgh and ETF would encourage tenants to have their say. This can be done in a number of ways:

- Online at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/2019-20-council-housing-budget-consultation/> ;
- Email [housing.research@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:housing.research@edinburgh.gov.uk);
- By phone on 0131 529 6710;
- By picking up a FREEPOST card from your local Housing Officer, office or library.

## Have your say about the future of human rights in Scotland

Last year, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon set up an independent advisory group to develop a series of recommendations and actions around human rights in Scotland - and you can have your say at these events across the country. The Advisory Group want to hear views and feedback on their developing recommendations and how they can be made as effective as possible in improving the lives of people. These events will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Dundee Centre for Contemporary Arts, 152 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DY;
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, The Alliance, Venlaw Building, Bath Street, 349 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4AA;
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Eden Court Theatre, Inverness IV3 5SA.

You can find out more information or book a place by clicking here

<http://www.scdc.org.uk/news/article/have-your-say-about-future-human-rights-scotland/>.

## Federation Meeting, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed

Are you interested in helping shape ETF's response to the (CEC) City of Edinburgh Council's Rent Consultation? ETF will be holding a Members' Meeting, date, time and venue to be confirmed. Members will have the chance to find out what other work ETF has been involved in recently as we discuss our Quarterly Progress Report. This is also a great chance to network with other tenants. Details on how to book will be available in due course, so watch out for further details. As a reminder there will be no Federation meetings in November 2018.

## Improving Rent Collection with Tenants

A group of tenants recently inspected the City of Edinburgh Council's communications on rent and gave a number of recommendations to the Council. The tenant inspectors think that some of the rent letters the Council sends to tenants could be clearer. If you would like to talk about how rent letters could be improved, please email [mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:mark@edinburghtenants.org.uk) or call 0131 475 2509.

## ETF Blog

This month, Cath O'Shea our University student on placement will share her experiences, what she has learned from her time spent with ETF over the last couple of months and what she will carry forward to her future endeavours and degree prospects. Read all about it by visiting our website [www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/category/guest-bloggers](http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/category/guest-bloggers). If you're interested in contributing a blog or would like more information, please contact the Federation office on 0131 475 2509 or email [info@edinburghtenants.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburghtenants.org.uk). Some useful hints and tips for writing blogs can be found at <http://www.edinburghtenants.org.uk/draft-blog/>.

## **Diary Dates**

### **September 2018**

- 5<sup>th</sup> September Repairs Group Meeting, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Training Suite, Norton Park Conference Centre
- 9<sup>th</sup> September Deadline for responses to City of Edinburgh Council Tenant Participation Strategy and Review of Community Planning in Edinburgh
- 17<sup>th</sup> September First Minister's Human Rights Advisory Group Meeting, Dundee Centre for Contemporary Arts, 152 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DY
- 20<sup>th</sup> September First Minister's Human Rights Advisory Group Meeting, The Alliance, Venlaw Building, Bath Street, 349 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4AA
- 25<sup>th</sup> September First Minister's Human Rights Advisory Group Meeting, Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Rd, Inverness IV3 5SA

### **October 2018**

- 9<sup>th</sup> October Sheltered Housing Group Conference, 11.30am-3.30pm, City Chambers, Royal Mile
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October Federation Meeting, 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Deadline for responses to City of Edinburgh Council Budget Consultation

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