

# Public Notice

## Designation of two areas for Selective Licensing of privately rented properties.

This notice is published in accordance with Sections 80 to 84 of the Housing Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) Regulations 2006.

Notice is hereby given that the Oxford City Council has on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 designated two areas for a selective licensing scheme. The areas affected cover the entire City of Oxford.

This scheme will be known as the Oxford City Council Selective Licensing Scheme 2022.

The schemes, to which the designations apply, were confirmed by the national authority on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The scheme will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 unless revoked beforehand the Scheme will cease to have effect at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027.

With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 the Scheme applies to:

Any house occupied either

- under a single tenancy or licence to occupy, which is not exempt under section 79 subsection (3) or (4) or
- under two or more tenancies or licences in respect of different dwellings contained in it, none of which is an exempt property under section 79 subsection (3) or (4)

A person having control of or managing such a property must apply to the Oxford City Council for a licence. Failure to apply for a licence is an offence under Section 95 (1) of the Housing Act 2004 and is punishable on conviction by payment of an unlimited fine set by the Courts or by the Council imposing a financial penalty of up to £30,000. In addition they may be required to repay up to 12 months' rent if the tenant or the Council, in the case of housing benefit payments, apply to the First Tier Tribunal under the provisions of Sections 96 and 97 of the Housing Act 2004 for a rent repayment order. In addition, No section 21 notice may be given in relation to a shorthold tenancy of the whole or part of an unlicensed house so long as it remains such a house.

Any person, landlord, managing agent or other person managing a private rented property or any tenant within the City may inspect the designation and register your details to apply for a licence, or seek advice as to whether their property is affected by the designation by contacting the Council during normal office hours, which are: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Contact details for the Council are via the website [www.oxford.gov.uk](http://www.oxford.gov.uk) or email [selectivelicensing@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:selectivelicensing@oxford.gov.uk) or in writing, Oxford City Council, Regulatory Services & Community Safety SAC3.2, PO Box 10, Oxford, OX1 1EN or telephone 01865 252211.