

JANUARY 2021

# POLICY BRIEFING



## HOUSING POLICY UPDATES

- Extension on eviction suspension
- New Social Housing Funding
- Time to Bring Empty Homes back to use

## POLICY AND INFLUENCING

TPAS Cymru work with the Welsh Government and other key decision makers. We are contributing to policy change by informing about policy developments and issues, channeling the experience and needs of tenants and landlords to policy makers, and working with partner organisations to influence policy.

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## LEGISLATION TO FURTHER SUSPEND EVICTIONS

On the 8th January 2021, Welsh Government announced that they will extend the legislation to suspend evictions from Jan 11th to March 31st. These measures are there to protect people who are renting their homes during this pandemic. However, it is important to note; in cases where anti-social behaviour or domestic violence occurs, eviction notices will continue.

In addition to this, the extension of the minimum notice period to 6 months, will also remain in place until 31st March 2021.

**Press Release:** <https://bit.ly/38rcUS3>

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## FUNDING FOR SOCIAL HOUSING 2021/22

At the end of December 2020, Welsh Government published their draft budget which sets out spending plans for the next 12 months, from April 2021. The drafts will be debated at the Senedd in February 2021.

The drafts suggest a £37m increase in social housing grant, taking the full amount to £200m. The commitment of this increase will enable social housing providers to continue to build the much needed affordable homes.

**Press Release:** <https://bit.ly/38pw3DW>

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## BRINGING EMPTY HOMES BACK TO USE

On the 7th January, Welsh Government announced that they have received more than 500 applications to bring empty homes back to use. Bringing empty homes back to use should contribute to the much needed homes in the rental sector.

**Press Release:** <https://bit.ly/3q2J2kS>

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If you want to be part of Wales' largest tenant voice panel, and have your say in shaping national policy, join our Tenant Pulse Panel. Tenant Pulse is the voice of tenants in Wales. It has been created by TPAS Cymru and is supported by Welsh Government. The main aim is to find out what matters most to tenants in Wales.

The results of their surveys are used by Welsh Government and decision makers to create housing policy which works for tenants, and which makes housing in Wales safer and fairer.

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