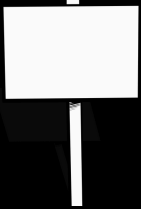


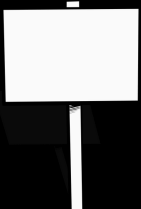
# Bristol Fair Renting Campaign Manifesto 2024

The Bristol Fair Renting Campaign calls on local political parties to champion renters and make commitments to:

## Tackle high and out of control rents

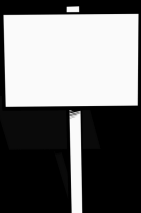


**Lobby the national government for rent control powers, including the powers to freeze rents now as a temporary, emergency intervention. And join together with other councils to lobby collectively for these powers.**

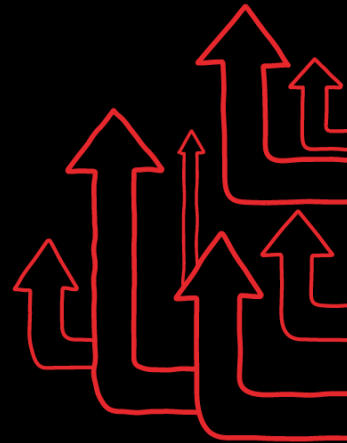


**Continue the work of the Living Rent Commission Task & Finish Group, and prioritise the development of an effective rent control model for Bristol.**

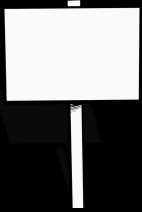
**The rent control model should be co-designed with renters, groups representing renters, and residents, ensuring that there is accountability to the community at every stage of the research and policy design.**



**Start routinely collecting and monitoring data on local rents and renter incomes.**

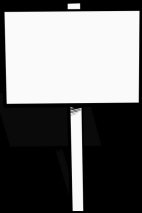


# Tackle poor conditions and lack of protections for private renters



Work with the council's private housing team to ensure formal enforcement action is taken against landlords renting out homes in a state of disrepair. Improvement notices should be served promptly to landlords who are failing or refusing to maintain their properties.

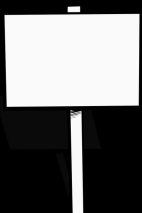
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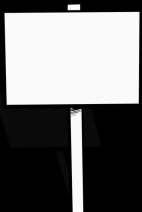
To extend Awaab's Law to the private rented sector, introducing more specific timeframes within which repairs must be made.



For the finance and powers our council needs to enforce decent conditions in privately rented homes, and to hold landlords fully to account.



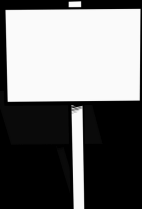
To introduce a national landlord register, so that renters are able to make more informed decisions about who they rent from, and can ensure that the homes they rent meet essential safety standards.



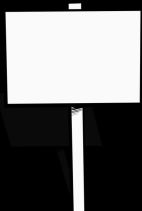
To build and deliver a robust Renters' Reform Bill, which will permanently protect renters from retaliatory evictions by scrapping section 21 legislation.



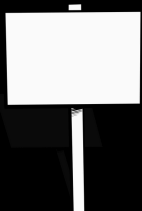
# Tackle discrimination in private renting



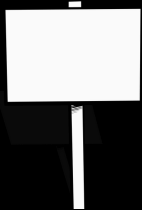
**Take a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination in the private rented sector and make this a formal remit of Bristol City Council's Rogue Landlord and Letting Agent Unit.**



**Raise awareness that benefits discrimination is unlawful, and lobby national government for it to be made illegal.**



**Co-produce a local strategy and action plan to tackle discrimination in renting with renters and groups representing renters. This should include developing a clear, proactive process for challenging and transforming the behaviour of those who discriminate.**



**Support renters in challenging and reporting letting agents and landlords who are discriminating against them, and in taking those challenges to The Property Ombudsman/Property Redress Scheme.**

