**2025 Landlord Survey**

This survey was launched on 24 February 2025 and closed on 31 March 2025. It was aimed at landlords letting properties across the Falkirk Council area. It hoped to find out about private sector demand, plans over the next 5 years, how rents are set, feedback on the resources we provide, what you would find supportive in future as well as what topics you want to hear about in 2025/26.

Feedback received will aid our understanding of the Private Rented Sector in Falkirk, help track sector changes and review what we do.

We received 3 responses to the survey: this report shares the received feedback.

We value this feedback and will endeavour to incorporate the resources and topic suggestions into future forums/ publications and future actions.

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| **Question 1:** | **Do you think that demand for Falkirk's Private Rented Sector (PRS) has increased over the last 2 years?** |  | | | |
|  |  | | | **%** | |
|  | Yes | | | 0% | |
|  | No | | | 33% | |
|  | Don't Know | | | 67% | |
|  | **Total** | | | **100%** | |
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| **Question 2:** | **How do you set the rent level of your properties?** | | |  | |
|  |  | | | **%** | |
|  | Advised by Letting Agent | | | 33% | |
|  | Based on similar rents in the area | | | 33% | |
|  | Increased to cover my costs | | | 0% | |
|  | Based on Local Housing Allowance/ Universal Credit (benefit) | | | 0% | |
|  | Based on what the tenants can pay | | | 0% | |
|  | Mixture of the above | | | 33% | |
|  | Other | | | 0% | |
|  | **Total** | | | **100%** | |
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| **Question 3:** | **What are your plans over the next 5 years?** | | |  | |
|  |  | | | **%** | |
|  | Sell properties and stop letting | | | 67% | |
|  | Continue letting and decrease property portfolio | | | 33% | |
|  | Continue letting and increase property portfolio | | | 0% | |
|  | Don't know | | | 0% | |
|  | Other | | | 0% | |
|  | **Total** | | | **100%** | |
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| **Question 4:** | **Helping Landlords - how important/ supportive are the following resources to you?** *(multiple choice question)* | | |  | |
|  |  | | | **%** | |
|  | Landlord and Letting Agent Forum/ Virtual Forum | | | 67% | |
|  | Renting Matters in Falkirk | | | 67% | |
|  | Private Sector Webpages | | | 33% | |
|  | Private Sector Team contact | | | 0% | |
|  | **Total** | | | **167%** | |
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| **Question 5:** | **What other resources would you find helpful and supportive?** | | |  | |
|  |  | | | **%** | |
|  | Keeping up to date with legislation and how to comply | | | 33% | |
|  | Webinars covering changing regulations | | | 33% | |
|  | Resources to deal with bad tenants | | | 33% | |
|  | **Total** | | | **100%** | |
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| **Question 6:** | **Are there any topics/ issues you would like us to include within future newsletters and forums?** | |  | | |
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|  | * Managing legislative change | | |  | |
|  | * Identify bad tenants | | |  | |
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| **Question 7:** | **Would you like to feedback any comments about the support available from the Private Sector Team, or renting in Falkirk generally?** | |  | |
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|  | * Legislation is heavily weighted towards tenants * Bad tenants are a bigger problem than bad landlords | | |  | |
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**Report date:** June 2025