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Plymouth City Council is stepping up efforts to tackle non-compliance with the domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) legislation. It is running a project over the winter of 2021-22 to identify non-compliant landlords, engage with these landlords and, where necessary, enforce the legislation.

Existing regulations set a minimum energy efficiency level (EPC band 'E') for domestic private rented properties. The regulations have very significant implications for non-complying landlords as properties with an EPC rating of 'F' or 'G' cannot legally be rented unless a special exemption has been appropriately registered.

Improving a home's energy performance is usually better for both tenant and landlord. More energy efficient homes are typically less damp, lead to happier healthier tenants and will often increase the value of the property.

Plymouth City Council is seeking to engage positively with landlords to improve homes without the need for enforcement. To do this they have partnered with a local charity, Plymouth Energy Community, to provide impartial advice to landlords about improvements, grants available and competent installers.

Landlords who are concerned their property may not be compliant with the MEES legislation or who would like to improve their compliant property's energy performance should contact Plymouth Energy Community to receive free and independent advice by visiting www.plymouthenergycommunity.com or by calling 01752 477990.

It is also important to note that the government have proposed that all rental properties will need an EPC rating of 'C' or above by 2030. The regulations are proposed to be introduced for new tenancies from 2025, followed by all tenancies from 2028. The regulation changes aim to make homes more energy-efficient and reduce carbon emissions as part of the government target to be net-zero by 2050.