

## Comparison of Local Authority Schemes

## Annex C

Authority	Accreditation Scheme?	Local / National Scheme?	Comments
Leeds	Y	NATIONAL/RLAAS	Formerly Authority run scheme, RLAAS have been running it since April 2011 under a 5 year contract, costing Leeds between £20,000 and £30,000 per annum. Leeds had a mature and demanding scheme and the costs reflect the activities they demanded. Although this provided significant cost savings to Leeds from its former accreditation budget of £100,000 per annum, in a report to Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Inquiry into Private Rented Sector Housing, it was stated that, during 9 months of operation, from April 2011 to January 2012, there had been a significant drop in accreditation scheme membership from 483 to 189, possibly linked to the introduction of and then subsequent increase in membership fees. Annual membership fee: up to 5 properties £45; 6-10 properties £90; 11-20 properties £135; 21-30 properties £180; 30+ properties £225. Also a £50 charge for training courses for members.
Bradford	N	LOCAL	The Landlord Accreditation Scheme at Bradford is currently suspended and being reviewed. Depends on how accreditation is perceived to fit into the private sector housing strategy that is currently being developed.
Hull	Y	LOCAL	56 members listed on website. Does not charge membership fee.
East Riding of Yorkshire	Y	LOCAL	Two tier accreditation scheme.
Scarborough	Y	LOCAL	New scheme, approved December 2011. 1 landlord with 10 properties signed up by August 2012. Membership fee of £50. Staffed from existing resources.
Harrogate	N	N/A	N/A
Hambleton	N	N/A	N/A
Richmondshire	N	N/A	N/A
Ryedale	N	N/A	Looking at sub-regional accreditation scheme by 2014.
Selby	N	LOCAL	Landlord Accreditation scheme at Selby is not currently running. The scheme had limited interest. Considering a new scheme.
Craven	N	N/A	N/A
Wakefield	Y	LOCAL	From a slow start now has 150 members and 3000 properties. Does not charge membership fee. Has 1.5 members of staff attached to scheme.

Sheffield	Y	LOCAL	Original scheme replaced by the Sheffield Landlord Registration Scheme whose aim is to support and encourage private landlords to improve standards in the private rented sector. Registration is only open to landlords who are offering properties to the Council's Private Rented Solutions team (Housing Options), or to landlords registering properties with the University Accommodation Offices.
Barnsley	Y	LOCAL	At least 30 members. Also a separate Barnsley Residential Landlord Association scheme in operation.
Calderdale	Y	LOCAL	Fair and Safe Tenancies scheme. Private landlord and agent property registration scheme.
Kirklees	Y	LOCAL	Landlord and Property Accreditation Scheme. Membership fee 1 property £20; 2-3 properties £30; 4+ properties £60.
Rotherham	N	LOCAL	Introduced in 2004. Geographic specific pilot scheme resulted in sign up of 3 landlords/8 properties in 6 months. No membership fee. Scheme later suspended. Consideration given to re-launch in 2012 subject to cost benefit analysis.
Doncaster	N	N/A	In response to an issue raised by an individual member, Doncaster MBC agreed in July 2012 to implement a scheme that meets the needs of tenants, landlords and neighbours.
Oxford	Y	LOCAL	Launched in March 2010. Does not charge a membership fee, membership lasts for 3 years. 35 landlord / 11 agent members.
Lancaster	Y	LOCAL	Accredited property scheme. One off fee of £50 per dwelling, included in cost of HMO licence if appropriate. Funding of scheme was supported from SRB.
East Midlands (DASH)	Y	LOCAL	Covers 40 local authorities. 1,000 members, covering 6,400 properties. Was free to Local Authorities and Landlords, introduced charges in Sept. 2012. Membership fee 1-19 properties £99; 20-49 properties £129; 50+ properties £199. Renewal £45.
Midlands Landlord Accreditation Scheme	Y	LOCAL	Covers 7 local authorities including Birmingham. No membership fee but charges £150 for a one day development course. 5 year membership. 2/3's of Agents' staff need to attend training.