

Meath Court and Marston Court

Ealing Council notes the commitment made for Marston Court to be decommissioned and the more recent commitment for Meath Court to be decommissioned.

Ealing Council also notes the terrible conditions that many families and residents have been enduring whilst living at Meath Court including ~~an attempted rape, a suspected murder, open drug dealing, anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, and failures and inadequacies of the fabric of the buildings with repairs and maintenance, reported issues gaining access with the manager, open air sexual activities, mould, damp and cockroach infestations.~~

Ealing Council further notes similar conditions were seen at Marston Court, ~~including broken entry systems, a lack of locks on storage area doors, extremes of temperatures, drug dealing, incidents of violence, pest infestations which led many to symptoms of anxiety and depression.~~

Ealing Council thanks Cabinet for: ~~agrees to immediately:~~

- Decommissioning Meath and Marston Courts at pace but in a carefully managed way. ~~Commit to specific dates before the end of this year when Meath Court and Marston Court will be decommissioned.~~
- Informing all residents on site about the process of how the decommissioning will work, with timescales.
- Ensuring that there is a member of staff available at known times to report and deal with issues, who can be trusted by the residents.
- Ensuring that there is security available if required.
- ~~Conduct an audit so that~~ Conducting outstanding repairs ~~which are more urgent or important (for example relating to heating, water availability, fire, electrical safety) are dealt with~~ quickly.
- ~~Liaising For the Council's Community Safety team to liaise with the police with more priority~~ to reduce crimes in Meath Court and Marston Court and their localities.
- Learning the lessons from this situation to ~~Set up an enquiry to uncover why the situation has arisen at these two container temporary accommodation schemes, why it was not dealt with earlier and to make recommendations to avoid this from happening again.~~
- Reviewing the Locata banding of residents to ensure they have appropriate priority.

Ealing Council also agrees that residents and families currently in Meath Court and Marston Court be moved to location(s) that are safe and secure, ideally in Ealing, with sufficient living space especially those with children, as soon as is possible.

~~Ealing Council further agrees that the Locata banding of residents should be reviewed as some are vulnerable and have suffered issues such as domestic violence and worsening health conditions that are not reflected in their current bandings.~~

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