

**NFRL MONTHLY UPDATE May 2006**  
**Acting nationally for local landlords**

**Working Together**

A new *Working Together* document is now being in final stages of production. Frank Hardy has been actively working on this and it will be distributed to every council in GB. It is hoped that the *Working Together* concept will continue to open more and more doors for the NFRL.

**Housing Allowance**

NFRL has made a submission to the consultation paper on the local housing allowance. It will be available shortly on the website [www.nfrl.co.uk](http://www.nfrl.co.uk).

**Meetings Attended/Presentations Given**

NFRL gave the keynote speech on the Housing Act 2004 at the Nottingham Conference on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

NFRL attended a meeting of the tenancy deposit advisory group at the ODPM on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The regulations will not be introduced until either January or April 2007. There are serious concerns about the tone of the proposed advertising campaign.

On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> May, Mike Stimpson chair NFRL gave a presentation to the South Devon Landlords on the work of NFRL.

On Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Weds 17 May NFRL was represented at the HMO network conference in Swansea.

On 31 May Mike Stimpson gave a presentation to the National Conference of the Council of Mortgage Lenders describing how their organisation could use its strength in assisting NFRL to obtain reasonable regulation under the 2004 Housing Act

On 31 May Mike Stimpson attended a meeting with the Dept of Communities and local government to discuss the advertising campaign for Deposit Regulations.

As a result of that meeting a further meeting has been arranged with Blue Rubicon Ltd to further the Landlords position regarding publicity. Mike Stimpson will attend.

On Weds 7<sup>th</sup> June an Executive meeting was held in London and among the matters discussed was the appointment of the Chief Executive, Company Limited by Guarantee, the proposals for establishing Directors together with concluding the training process.

**CEO Interview**

Interviews have been conducted and Vernon Phillips was shortlisted. He is currently reviewing the offer and will be attending the conference. A contract is being pursued.

**Housing Benefit**

Now replied to the consultation document. Pointing out our reservations on the implementation of Housing Allowance.

**Website**

The new website is now up and running [www.nfrl.co.uk](http://www.nfrl.co.uk). This is much improved and updated. Supported by Alan Boswells who provided free the design for this.

The old site should be taken down shortly. Unfortunately this has been rather complicated to sort out.