



Latest Property News: The BoE holds Base Rate at 0.25%, yet again.

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee has voted by a majority of eight to one to hold the base rate at 0.25 per cent. The committee's Kristin Forbes voted in favour of a 25 basis point increase.

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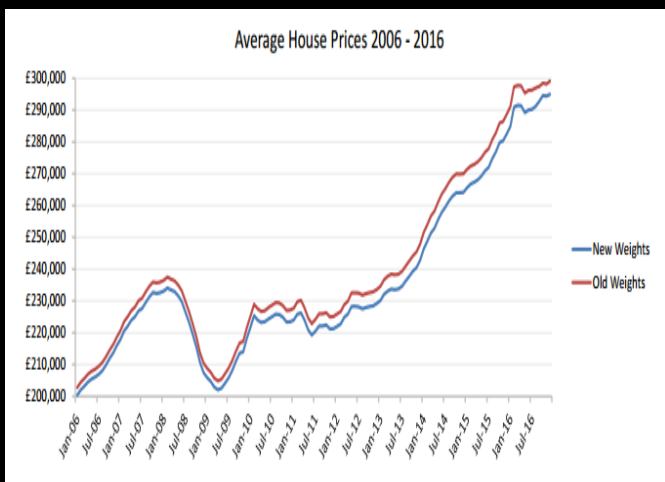
BoE Base Rates

The BoE held Base Rate at 0.25%, by a majority of 8 to 1. The Minutes from the meeting describe the appropriate path for monetary policy to depend on "the evolution of demand, potential supply, the exchange rate, and therefore inflation". CPI inflation increased to 1.8% in January, with the MPC expecting it to rise above the 2% target over the coming months, before peaking at around 2.75% in early 2018 before drifting back down to target. The MPC says: "The projected overshoot entirely reflects the expected effects of the drop in sterling."



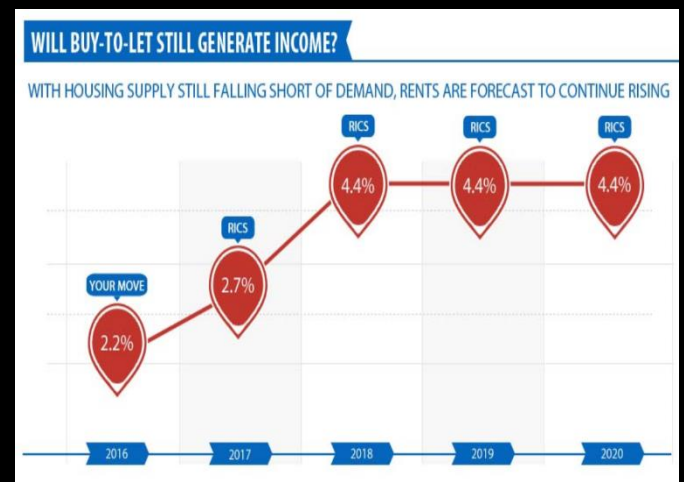
Residential Market ^4.5%pa

Your Move's HPI Prices surge 0.6% in February yet annual rate of growth falls to 2.4%. MoM at +0.6% with East England leading the way, up 5.9%



B2L Market ^5.29%pa

Connells buy to let purchases fell below 10% last month, the first time it has been at that level in five years, according to the latest report.



Projections

This week BM Solutions cut its BTL 'Stress Test', thus proving 'Business is Business' and with January 2017 BTL lending rates down, we envisage criteria to ease further, across all lenders, to ensure Mortgagee's 'Bottom Line' and thus spurring sector onwards.