

## **Minute**

### **Licensing Committee**

Thursday, 28 April 2022, 11:00.

Microsoft Teams.



### **Present**

Councillors Duncan A Tullock, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, Steven B Heddle, J Harvey Johnston and Owen Tierney.

### **Clerk**

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

### **In Attendance**

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.
- Nick Long, Environmental Health Manager.
- Elaine Sinclair, Legal Clerk.

### **Observing**

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning and Community Protection.
- Lillian Rendall, Legal Clerk.

### **Apologies**

- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.

### **Police Scotland:**

- Sergeant Katy Duncan.

### **Declarations of Interest**

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

### **Chair**

- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

## **1. Form of Voting**

The Committee resolved that, should a vote be required in respect of the matters to be considered at this meeting, notwithstanding Standing Order 21.4, the form of voting should be by calling the roll (recorded vote).

## **2. Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation**

After consideration of a joint report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions and the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Legal and Governance, the Committee:

Noted:

**2.1.** That, in terms of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) required to be licensed, with a licence required for a property occupied by three or more persons who were members of more than two families, who lived together and shared either cooking, toilet or personal washing facilities.

**2.2.** That HMOs must meet physical standards set out by the Council, based on guidance issued to all local authorities by the Scottish Government.

**2.3.** That the Council's existing HMO standards and conditions had been reviewed and, although no material changes were proposed, the documents had been reworded to aid clarity and simplified to aid compliance by licensees.

**2.4.** The proposed updated standards and conditions, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively to the joint report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions and the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

**2.5.** That the updated conditions for licences for houses in multiple occupation, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be adopted.

## **3. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 11:11 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.