

Motions and Amendments

Regulatory Committee

10.00 am Monday, 13th May, 2024

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Amendment by the SNP Group

Regulatory Committee

13 May 2024

Item 7.1 – Short Term Let Licensing Policy – Temporary Exemptions

Adds to 1.1.4

with the addition of a requirement to have a 24 hour, named contact available for management of the property.

Delete 1.1.5 and replace with:

1.1.5 Agrees to retain Mandatory Condition 5 and Mandatory Condition 15 in full for the duration of the trial period with a commitment to further review their proportionality on conclusion of the trial period.

Adds:

1.1.6

Recognises that residents concerns must be taken seriously so requests that officers undertake an assessment of the potential for exemptions to be misused due to a lack of clarity about the timeframe they are in place for and whether there this creates conditions which impact on the robustness of the existing policy . This should be carried out as part of this trial and should help inform decision making on exemptions policy in future years.

Moved by: Cllr Martha Mattos-Coelho

Seconded by: Cllr Norman Work

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Regulatory Committee

13 May 2024

Item 7.1 - Short Term Let Licensing Policy – Temporary Exemptions

Committee agrees to delete 1.1.3 to 1.1.5 and insert:

1.1.3 Agrees to proceed with the trial of a shorter, simpler form, as outlined in section 4.14, for home sharing and home letting, and instructs officers, as part of the upcoming review, to look at simplifying the application form for all types of STL licence, where possible.

1.1.4 Believes that public safety for STL customers is a key principle of the Short Term Let licensing scheme and, as such, mandatory conditions for temporary exemptions, as agreed by all five parties represented on the Regulatory Committee on 29th September 2022, are presently retained.

1.1.5 Agrees to consider changes to STL licensing fees as part of the promised review based on evidence from operators and the Council.

1.1.6 Notes the STL review scheduled later this year is the best opportunity for the Council to review the Licensing policy based on gathered evidence from operators, residents and visitors.

Moved by: Cllr Neil Ross

Seconded by: Cllr Jack Caldwell

Amendment by the Green Group

Regulatory Committee

13 May 2024

Item 7.1, Short Term Let - Licensing Policy – Temporary Exemptions

In recommendations, delete from 1.1.3 onwards and replace with:

“1.1.3 notes representations from Living Rent that they "see evictions of tenants by landlords so they can capitalise on the profits of the summer period";

1.1.4 notes that Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as modified by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 requires that a licensing authority, "must consult with such persons as the licensing authority considers appropriate" prior to preparing or reviewing a policy statement in relation to its functions in respect of temporary exemptions;

1.1.5 considers that varying the council's policy or fees for temporary exemptions would be unwise without first carrying out a public consultation on the matter, and therefore agrees to proceed with a public consultation, in line with the council's guidance on consultations, on the matters set out in this report, and bring a report back to committee once the consultation and analysis of consultation response, has concluded.”

Moved by: Cllr Susan Rae

Seconded by:

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