Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

11.00am, Friday 8 October 2021

Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Dixon (Vice-Convener), Rae, Rose and Neil Ross.

1. Application for Renewal of a House in Multiple Occupation Licence – Mr Kamran Akbar – 13 Harrison Road, Edinburgh

The Licensing Sub-Committee, on 21 September 2021, had continued consideration of an application for renewal of a House in Multiple Occupation Licence for premises at 13 Harrison Road to allow relevant Council officers to visit the premises and report their findings back to members and to ensure that all information received from public objectors was circulated and intimated to the applicant.

The relevant Council officers, Fire and Rescue Officers, the applicant's agent and objectors were heard.

Motion

To refuse the licence for the following reasons:

1) in terms of Section 130 (1)(b) and (2)(a) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be authorised to permit persons to occupy any living accommodation as an HMO; and

2) in terms of Section 131 (1)(a) and (2)(f) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as the premises were not suitable for occupation as an HMO and that there was the possibility of undue public nuisance.

- moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Rae

Amendment

To grant renewal of the House in Multiple Occupation Licence for a period of one year only subject to the standard conditions for this type of licence and the additional condition that the premises continued to be monitored to ensure that the required standards were being met and maintained.

- moved by Councillor Fullerton, seconded by Councillor Dixon

Voting

For the motion	-	3 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Rae, Rose and Neil Ross.
For the amendment – Councillors Dixon and Fullerton.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Rose.

(References – Licensing Sub-Committee 21 September 2021 (appendix 1, item 4.10); report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)