

## Regulatory Committee

2.00pm, Thursday 29 September 2022

### Present

Councillors Neil Ross (Convener), Caldwell, Dalglish, Fullerton, Mattos Coelho, Mowat and Rae.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Regulatory Committee of 27 June 2022 as a correct record.

### 2. Rolling Actions Log

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The Rolling Actions Log for September 2022 was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - Action 1 – Internal Audit Findings – Timescales for Completion of Management Actions.
  - Action 5 – Licensing Services Update and Draft Regulatory Committee Work Programme
- 2) To note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

### 3. Regulatory Committee Business Bulletin

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The Regulatory Committee Business Bulletin updated for September 2022 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

### 4. Short Term Lets Licensing – Update After Consultation

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An update on the powers given to local authorities to regulate short term lets (STLs) by means of a licensing scheme was provided. The report also provided a summary of the responses from the consultations on the proposed policy and additional licensing conditions.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the report and the responses to two rounds of public consultation on the licensing of Short Term Lets (STL).
- 2) To note the separate legal advice paper provided by the Council's Legal Services.
- 3) To agree to the proposed policy and additional STL licensing conditions set out at Appendix 5 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To agree that the policy would include a statement that secondary letting in tenement or shared main door accommodation would be considered as unsuitable and that there would be a rebuttable presumption against the grant of a licence in such circumstances.
- 5) To agree that, as part of the Policy, the Council would adopt additional licence conditions for STL licences.
- 6) To agree that temporary exemptions and temporary licences would be introduced for STL as part of the licensing scheme.
- 7) To approve the proposed fee structure in relation to applications for STL licences.
- 8) To note that officers would advertise as necessary, noting in accordance with the legislation that a licensing scheme for Short Term Lets would open on 1 October 2022.

(Reference – Report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **5. Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues – Application Fees**

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The proposed fee structure for Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence applications was presented for approval. The fee structure followed from the Committee's decision in March 2022, where it was agreed to adopt a scheme to license SEVs in Edinburgh.

### **Decision**

To approve the proposed fee structure in relation to applications for Sexual Entertainment Venue licences.

(References – Regulatory Committee of 31 March 2022 (item 2); Report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **6. Houses in Multiple Occupation – Fees Update**

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An update on work carried out to review the current licence application fee structure for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) was presented. The revised fee structure was presented for approval, and an update on the ongoing consultation on HMO licence conditions 011 and 012 was also provided for information.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the proposed revised fee structure in relation to applications for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licences.

2) To note that a consultation on HMO conditions 011 and 012 was ongoing.  
(Reference – Report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)