

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 December 2024

Question (1) When did the Council first start using unlicensed HMOs?

Answer (1)

Question (2) When did the emergency powers start under COVID-19 responses?

Answer (2)

Question (3) When did it end?

Answer (3)

Question (4) What information was given to Convener and Leader of Council on potential implications of continued use of unlicensed HMOs?

Answer (4)

Question (5) What and when were elected members first informed on the serious nature and legal concerns around this?

Answer (5)

Question (6) Please provide a timeline for questions 1-5

Answer (6)

Question (7) Was the assessment that the Council has assurance and evidence that all legal obligations associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety are being met – marked amber in the City of Edinburgh Council's Annual Assurance Statement on Housing Services reported in [September 2022](#) an accurate assessment?

Answer (7)

Question (8) Was the assessment that the Council has assurance and evidence that all legal obligations associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety are being met – marked amber in the City of Edinburgh Council’s Annual Assurance Statement on Housing Services reported in [August 2023](#) an accurate assessment?

Answer (8)

Question (9) Was the assessment that the Council has assurance and evidence that all legal obligations associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety are being met – marked amber in the City of Edinburgh Council’s Annual Assurance Statement on Housing Services reported in [August 2024](#) an accurate assessment?

Answer (9)

Question (10) In the aforementioned reports, there is no explicit mention of use of unlicensed HMOs. Is this accurate? Was this an oversight or an omission?

Answer (10)