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**Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
(Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 2000
Application for the Grant of a Licence to Operate a House in Multiple
Occupation (HMO) at No.55 Spital, Aberdeen
Applicant/s: Susan McGowan
Agent: McGowan Accommodation**

I refer to the above HMO Licence application, which is due to be considered by the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 17 November 2010, for the reason that the works and certification requirements have not been met.

I can advise you as follows:-

The premises:-

The premises to which this HMO Licence application relates is an upper-floor maisonette flat with accommodation comprising of four letting bedrooms, one kitchen and one bathroom. The position of the premises is shown on Appendix 'A' attached to this memo.

The HMO application:-

The HMO Licence application was submitted to the Council on 19 February 2010. The HMO Officer visited the premises on 29 March 2010, then he wrote to the applicant on 31 March 2010, listing the following requirements to bring the premises up to the current HMO standard:-

1. Installation of 30-minute fire-resistant, self-closing doors throughout.
2. Construction of a 'means of escape' hallway within the first-floor.
3. The flat-entrance doorlock to be refitted with a keyless lock.
4. A Fire Action Notice to be displayed within the premises.
5. A fire-blanket to be installed in the kitchen.
6. The electrical safety certificates to be submitted to the HMO Unit.

At the date of this memo, all work & certification requirements have not been met. Accordingly, the applicant has been invited to attend the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 17 November 2010, where the application will be discussed.

Other considerations:-

- The Chief Constable, Grampian Police, has been consulted in respect of the applicant's suitability as a "fit and proper person", and has made no comments or objections.
- Grampian Fire & Rescue Service has been consulted in respect of the suitability of the property, and has made no comments or objections.
- At the date of this memo, the Council's Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team has no record of any complaint in respect of No.55 Spital, Aberdeen.
- At the date of this memo, the applicant and her premises are registered with the Landlord Registration database.
- The applicant has requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable to the HMO Unit.
- As mentioned above, the Council received the HMO Licence application on 19 February 2010. The Council must determine the application no later than 18 February 2011, otherwise the application will become deemed to be approved, which the Council must strive to avoid. If necessary, the application can be deferred until the Licensing Committee meets again on 19 January 2011, at the latest.

I trust the above explains the position. Please contact me on x2870 if you wish to discuss any of the above.

Ally Thain
Private Sector Housing Manager

