# LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 06 September 2023

# **Public Application**

TYPE OF APPLICATION: SHORT TERM LET LICENCE APPLICATION

**EXISTING HOST-SECONDARY LETTING** 

**APPLICANT: HASAN MANI** 

PROPERTY MANAGER: HASAN MANI

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 78 SEAMOUNT COURT, ABERDEEN

### **INFORMATION NOTE**

Application Submitted 14/11/2022

• Determination Date 13/11/2023

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new Short Term Let licence cannot be granted for the reasons that:

- 1) The certification requirements to bring the property up to the current Short Term Let standard have not been completed.
- 2) It has not been confirmed if a public Notice of Short Term Let Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the Short Term Let licence application.

The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 06 September 2023, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this Short Term Let licence application. If Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 06 September 2023. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the certification requirements.

# **DESCRIPTION**

The property at No.78 Seamount Court, Aberdeen, is a flat, providing accommodation of 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 2 guests, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout.

# **CONSULTEES**

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- Aberdeen City Council's Planning Team

### OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service no objections
- Aberdeen City Council's Planning Team no objections

### COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for Short Term Let licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:

Short term lets - licensing scheme part 2: supplementary guidance for licensing authorities, letting agencies and platforms

#### **GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL**

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of 'Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short Term Lets) Order 2022' (the 2022 Order)

Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

A licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant or renew a licence if, in their opinion—

(a) the applicant or, where the applicant is not a natural person, any director of it or partner in it or any other person responsible for its management, is either—

- (i)for the time being disqualified under section 7(6) of this Act, or
- (ii)not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence;

**(b)**the activity to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant or renewal of such a licence if he made the application himself;

**(c)**where the licence applied for relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, those premises are not or, as the case may be, that vehicle or vessel is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity having regard to—

- (i)the location, character or condition of the premises or the character or condition of the vehicle or vessel;
- (ii)the nature and extent of the proposed activity;
- (iii) the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or

(d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Landlord Registration is not a requirement of Short Term Let licensing.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no records of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the guests of No. 78 Seamount Court.
- The property is currently unlicensed. However as the applicant was an existing operator before 01 October 2022, the property is currently operating as a Short Term Let until the Licence application is determined.
- The extent of the above-mentioned certification requirements are as follows:

The following documentation to be submitted for inspection:

- Gas Safe certificate
- Electrical Installation Condition Report, which meets the requirements of BS 7671
- Itemised Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) Certificates, for all electrical appliances provided by the owner (annually).
- Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)
- Notice of Short Term Let Application Certificate of Compliance