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HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

27 AUGUST 2013

**LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) -
OVERPROVISION CONSULTATION FEEDBACK (H&E/13/045)**

14. With reference to article 13 of the minute of its meeting of 28 August 2012, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which provided details of the outcome of the consultation on HMO overprovision in Aberdeen and policy development across Scotland.

The report recommended-

that the Committee –

- (a) agree that no policy on HMO overprovision is introduced following analysis of the current HMO provision in the City and the responses to the consultation,
- (b) instruct the Director of Housing and Environment to continue to monitor policy and legal developments in HMO overprovision across Scotland and report back to Committee as appropriate if there were developments which require the Council's position on HMO overprovision to be reviewed;
- (c) to agree that a review of the position of overprovision should be formally undertaken in 2016 if this has not been required earlier by recommendation (ii) above;
- (d) to note that any HMO application that is the subject of a representation would be considered by the Licensing Committee who would decide whether to grant a HMO license;
- (e) to remit the report and the decision of this Committee to the Licensing Committee for their information and independent action

The Convener advised that he was aware of the concern from residents and the Community Council in the Old Aberdeen area of the City with the number of HMO premises in operation and requested that the situation be monitored and reported back to Committee.

Councillor Finlayson raised his concerns relating to the number of un-registered houses available to let across the City, whereupon the Convener requested that officer determine the scale and report back to Committee.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to request officers to monitor the HMO provision in Old Aberdeen and report back in 12 months;

- (ii) to request officers to determine the scale of un-registered houses across the City available to let and report back in twelve months; and
- (iii) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained in the report.

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