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Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Premises Licence Review

Premises Licence: The Larches, 10 Queen Street, Woodside Aberdeen

In my capacity as a Licensing Standards officer, I was notified by the Litigation and Licensing section of Aberdeen City Council that the above named Premises had not paid their annual fee by the 1st October 2015.

I called the Premises and found that the hotel telephone number was no longer in use. A visit was made by an Environmental Health Officer on the 21st October this year, the officer advised me on her return that the Premises was closed. I viewed their website and noted that it had not been updated for some time. I have also left a telephone message on the Premises manager's mobile, to which I have not had a response.

I spoke with Pete Littlejohn from Raeburn Christie Clark and Wallace, who informed me that the business had been sold and he provided me with contact details of the new owner.

I then contacted the new owner by email. The new owner informed me that the business was sold to him on the 18th September this year. He added that he does not intend to run this as a hotel and does not require the Liquor licence. He intends to convert the property into residential HMO, for which he is awaiting planning permission.

There has been no correspondence between the Licence Holder, Aberdeen Larches Hotel Ltd and myself with regards to their Premises Licence or the non payment of the annual fee.

Tara-Erin Gilchrist
Licensing Standards Officer