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Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 2000 Application for the Renewal of a Licence to Operate a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) at No.8 Sunnyside Avenue, Aberdeen Applicant/s: Kathleen Anderson & Alan Farr Agent: Kathleen Anderson

I refer to the above HMO Licence application, which is due to be considered by the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 24 February 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 a semi-detached twostorey house with accommodation comprising of four bedrooms, one public room, one kitchen and two bathrooms. 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 2 June 2009. The HMO Officer visited the premises on 10 June 2009, then he wrote to the applicants on 12 June 2009, listing the following requirements to bring the premises up to the current HMO standard:-

- 1. Installation of a fire alarm / fire detection system.
- 2. Installation of 30-minute fire-resistant room doors fitted with self-closers.
- 3. A fire blanket to be installed in the kitchen
- 4. All valid gas & electrical safety certificates and the Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit.

At the date of this memo, all works & certification requirements have not been met. Accordingly, the applicants have been invited to attend the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 24 February 2010, where the application will be discussed.

Other considerations:-

- The Chief Constable, Grampian Police, has been consulted in respect of the applicants' 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.
- The Council's Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team has a record of a 'noise' complaint in September 2006, in respect of No.8 Sunnyside Avenue, Aberdeen. No further complaints have been received since then.
- The applicants and their premises are registered with the Landlord Registration database.
- The applicants have requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable to the HMO Unit.
- As mentioned above, the Council received the HMO Licence application on 2 June 2009. The Council must determine the application no later than 1 June 2010, 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 21 April 2010, at the latest.

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

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