

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

29 June 2021

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: MARJORIE HEWITT

ADDRESS: 8 CHEYNE ROAD, ABERDEEN

AGENT: NONE STATED

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the HMO Officer has yet to carry out an initial inspection of the premises to determine whether any upgrading work & certification is required. In this regard, extensive attempts have been made to contact the applicant to arrange the initial inspection, all without success. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 29 June 2021, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 29 June 2021. I will advise the Committee accordingly.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.8 Cheyne Road, Aberdeen, is a detached two-storey house providing accommodation of 5 public rooms, 5 letting bedrooms (all en-suite), one bathroom, one kitchen & one shower-room. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 5 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland – no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – no objections
- General public – no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:
'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
 - i) Its location
 - ii) Its condition
 - iii) Any amenities it contains
 - iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
 - v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
 - vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
 - vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
 - viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and her registration includes No.8 Cheyne Road.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of No.8 Cheyne Road.