

Cunninghame House, Irvine.

1 September 2016

Licensing Committee

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the above mentioned Committee of North Ayrshire Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on **WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016** at **10.00 a.m.** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours faithfully

Elma Murray

Chief Executive

Please note that, whilst the items on this Agenda are public documents, consideration of some reports at the meeting may necessitate the passing of a resolution to exclude from the meeting the press and public in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

1. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

2. Minutes (Page 5)

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2016 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Licensing Matters (Page 13) Submit report by the Chief Executive on hearings to be determined and applications for the grant or renewal of licences and permits, all in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (copy enclosed).

4. Landlord Registration under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Part 8 (Page 19)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on Landlord Registration matters (copy enclosed).

5. Urgent items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

Licensing Committee

Sederunt:	Ronnie McNicol (Chair) Tom Marshall (Vice Chair) Robert Barr John Bruce John Easdale Grace McLean Catherine McMillan Alan Munro Donald Reid Vacancy	Chair: Attending:
		Apologies:
		Meeting Ended:

Licensing Committee 17 August 2016

Irvine, 17 August 2016 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Tom Marshall, Robert Barr, John Easdale, Grace McLean, Catherine McMillan, Ronnie McNicol and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

A. Wyllie, Trading Standards Officer and C. Boyd, Team Manager (Food/Health and Safety) (Economy and Communities); and W. O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing); A. Toal, Administrative Assistant and M Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J McMillan and Sergeant G. Griffiths (Police Scotland).

Chair

Councillor Clarkson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Bruce.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 15 June 2016 and the Special meeting on 21 July 2016 was confirmed, and the Minutes were signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Exclusion of Public

The Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting, the press and the public for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Licensing Matters

Part A: Hearings

4.1 Metal Dealer's Licence : Lowmac Alloys : MDL/055 (New)

The applicants, having been duly cited to attend, were represented by their solicitor, who was accompanied by four directors of the applicants. Representatives from Police Scotland were also in attendance.

The representatives from Police Scotland addressed the Committee on the terms of a letter setting out an observation in relation to the application, as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. Thereafter the applicant's solicitor addressed the Committee on the issues raised in the Police observation and, together with the directors, responded to questions.

The directors, the applicant's solicitor and the representatives of Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor Easdale, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that the application be granted for a period of three years. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of three years.

4.2 Metal Dealer's Licence : Jason McKinney : MDL/051 (Itinerant) (New)

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present. Representatives from Police Scotland were also in attendance.

The representatives from Police Scotland addressed the Committee on the terms of a letter setting out an observation in relation to the application, as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. Thereafter the applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised in the Police observation and responded to questions.

The applicant and representatives of Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McMillan, moved that the application be granted for a period of three years. As an amendment, Councillor McNicol, seconded by Councillor Barr moved that the application be refused on the basis that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a metal dealer's licence.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 2 and for the motion 6, and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of three years.

4.3 Public Charitable Collection : Royal British Legion (Largs)

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present. The applicant has applied for a Charitable Collection on 27-28 August 2016 and on 3-4 September 2016, which is outwith the Council's policy.

The Solicitor (Licensing) advised that a permission for the above-mentioned charitable collection had been granted by the Committee at its meeting on 15 June 2016, but had been surrendered by the then applicant, who had applied on behalf of the Royal British Legion (Largs), with the current application having been submitted by another applicant on behalf of the Royal British Legion (Largs).

Members asked questions and received clarification from the Solicitor (Licensing) and the applicant in respect of the application.

Thereafter, the applicant and representatives of Police Scotland withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that the there were sufficient grounds to treat the case as an exception to the Council's policy on street collections and that the application should be granted, subject to conditions. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed (a) that there were sufficient grounds to treat the case as an exception to the Council's policy on street collections; (b) to grant the application in terms of Section 119 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, subject to (i) the Council's standard conditions; and (ii) subject to an additional condition applied under Section 119(5) to limit the collection to the immediately vicinity of the applicant's gazebo.

4.4 Taxi Driver's Licence : John Graham TDL/02001 (New)

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present. Representatives from Police Scotland were also in attendance.

The representatives from Police Scotland addressed the Committee on the terms of a letter setting out an observation in relation to the application, as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. Thereafter the applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The applicant and representatives of Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor McMillan, moved that the application be refused on the basis that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Taxi Driver's Licence. As an amendment, Councillor Easdale, seconded by Councillor Marshall, moved that the application be granted for a period of one year.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 4 and for the motion 4 and, on the casting vote of the Chair, the amendment was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to (a) grant the application subject to the standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of one year; and (b) note that the applicant would be required to submit a current photograph in connection with the issue of his licence.

4.5 Street Trader Operator's Licence (Static): William Kerr STL/O/437

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present. An objector was also in attendance in respect of her objection to the application and representatives of Police Scotland.

The objector withdrew to allow the representatives from Police Scotland to address the Committee on the terms of a letter setting out an observation in relation to the application, as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. Thereafter the applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The objector then re-joined the meeting to address the Committee on the terms of her objection and respond to questions. The Team Manager (Food/Health and Safety) also addressed the meeting on Environmental Health matters relating to the application and responded to questions.

Thereafter, the applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised by the objectors and Team Manager (Food/Health Safety) and responded to questions.

The applicant, objector and representatives of Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor McNicol, seconded by Councillor Barr, moved that the application be refused for two reasons, name (a) as the applicant did not hold the required Environmental Health certificate, the Committee was obliged by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 39(4) to refuse the application and (b) the number and proximity to the application site of similar businesses selling hot food, meant that there was "other good reason for refusing the application" in terms of the 1982 Act, Schedule 1, Paragraph 5(3)(d). There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to refuse the application in terms of Section 39(4) of and Paragraph 5(1)(d) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

In terms of Standing Order 5.7, the Chair adjourned the meeting for a short comfort break. The meeting reconvened with the same Members and officers present and in attendance.

4.6 Taxi Driver's Licence: Ravinder Singh TDL/02003

The applicant, having been cited to attend, was not present or represented. The Solicitor (Licensing) referred to a letter submitted by the applicant to advise that he was unable to attend the hearing.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the application to the next meeting to allow the applicant to attend a hearing.

Part B: Applications for Licences/Renewal of Licences

4.7 Certas Energy UK Ltd: LHCL/109 (Renewal)

The Solicitor (Licensing) advised that the applicant has request fewer hours than currently licensed, namely until midnight and not 1.00 a.m. as at present.

The Committee agreed to grant the application in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

4.8 Carolyn Ann Wright: TDL/00937 (New)

The Committee unanimously agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a Hearing in terms of Paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

4.9 Robert McBride : TDL/01851 (Renewal)

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of one year.

5. Landlord Registration under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Part 8

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on Landlord Registration and a matter relating to the Tenancy Deposit Scheme obligations of an agent in terms of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (number 176).

The Registered Person, having been cited to attend, was not present or represented.

The Trading Standards Officer and Solicitor (Licensing) addressed the Committee on the issues raised and the background to the case and responded to questions.

Decision

Councillor McNicol, seconded by Councillor Marshall, moved that (a) the Registered Person be removed from the Register of Landlords under Section 89 on the grounds that they were not fit and proper persons; and (b) the Solicitor (Licensing) (i) write to the landlords represented by the Registered Person to advise of the outcome of this matter and (ii) liaise with the Council's Corporate Communications service on the preparation of an appropriate press release. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that (a) the Registered Person be removed from the Register of Landlords under Section 89 on the grounds that they were not fit and proper persons; and (b) the Solicitor (Licensing) (i) write to the landlords represented by the Registered Person to advise of the outcome of this matter and (ii) liaise with the Council's Corporate Communications service on the preparation of an appropriate press release.

6. Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicles - Taxi and Private Hire Car vehicle specification under Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 10(2)

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the draft "Taxi and Private Hire Car Vehicle Approval Specification".

At its meeting on 25 May 2016, the Committee agreed (a) in principle, the Vehicle Specification should be amended to allow the use as taxis of rear-loading Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles; and (b) that the Solicitor (Licensing) submit a list of vehicles to a future meeting of the Committee for approval. The draft specification, including the list of vehicles, was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Committee agreed to approve the Vehicle Specification set out at Appendix 1 to the report, with an implementation date of 1 October 2016.

The meeting ended at 1.20 p.m.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 3

7 September 2016

Licensing Committee

Title:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Licensing Matters	
Purpose:	To advise the Committee of Hearings to be determined all in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.	
Recommendation:	That the Committee considers and determines the matters before it.	

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Council, as Licensing Authority, requires to determine issues in respect of the grant, renewal or suspension of licences.
- 1.2. A meeting of a local authority is open to the public except to the extent that they are excluded (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) under:

(a) the rule about 'confidential information' (as defined) or

(b) by Resolution.

(Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 50A, and especially Subsection 50A(4)).

- 1.3. Under the Resolution procedure, the Committee is entitled to resolve to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for any one or more items of business on the grounds that otherwise "Exempt Information" of any type described in Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act might be disclosed.
- 1.4. The types of "Exempt Information" which may arise during Committee business include those described in Paragraphs 14 and 15 of that Schedule:
 - 14. "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."
 - 15. "The identity of a Protected Informant" (where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III to mean a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance.)

1.5. Such a Resolution, once made, continues until the end of the Meeting unless the Committee earlier Resolves to revoke it.

2. Background

Appendix A:

Licences where Hearings have been convened;

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers and determines each of the listed cases in accordance with the required procedures.

4. Implications

Financial:	There are possible financial implications in relation	
	to the refusal of any application.	
Human Resources:	None	
Legal:	There are possible legal implications in relation to	
	the refusal of any application.	
Equality:	An "Equality Impact Assessment" is not necessary as the Equality Act 2010 is not a consideration in	
	making a Licensing decision.	
Environmental &	None	
Sustainability:		
Key Priorities:	An effective licensing system, e.g. monitoring the 'fit and proper' status of hire-car drivers and the safety of their cars, helps achieve one of the "High Level Outcomes" of the "NAC Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2013-17": "A Safe and Secure North Ayrshire".	
Community Benefits:	Not applicable, as the Report does not relate to	
	tendering or procurement exercises.	

5. Consultation

5.1 Consultations have been undertaken with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, and the appropriate Council Services.

Elva Murray

ELMA MURRAY Chief Executive

Reference : PAT For further information please contact William O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing) on 01294 324305

Background Papers None

Hearings		
Hearing 1	Public Entertainment Licenc (Temporary)	ce PEL/315
Applicant and Address	Kelburn Arts Ltd Kelburn Fairlie Largs KA29 0BE	
Premises	Kelburn Country Centre Fairlie Largs KA29 0BE	
Hearing 2	Street Trader Operator's Licence	STL/O/430
Applicant and Address	Cumbrae Kitchen 40 Auchingramount Road Hamilton ML3 6JT	
Proposed site	Next to War Memorial Guildford Street Millport	

	NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL	
	Agenda Item 4 7 September 2016	
	Licensing Committee	
Title:	Landlord Registration under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Part 8.	
Purpose:	To inform the Committee of Landlord Registration matters.	
Recommendation:	mmendation: 1. That the Committee should decide whether or not make a Resolution excluding the public from the meeting at which this Report and its Schedules is be considered;	
	2. For each Application or Review Proposal described in the Schedules: That the Committee should consider each case and:	
	(a) decide whether or not the Application should be granted, or the Relevant Person should be removed from the Register;	
	(b) if appropriate, decide whether or not to issue a Notice under Section 94 (commonly known as a 'Rent Penalty Notice') in respect of any house, or to delegate authority to the Clerk to issue such a Notice.	

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Licensing Committee have delegated authority from the Council to administer the Council's functions under the Landlord Registration Scheme regulated by the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Part 8.
- 1.2 The persons named in the attached Schedules are either:
 - Applicants for Registration, or
 - already Registered under the 2004 Act, or
 - are not Registered.

Each person has one Schedule. The rented houses concerned are listed in the Schedules.

Although the scheme under the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 is described as "Landlord Registration", it is the fact that living accommodation is occupied that is important, not the question of whether or not a formal Lease has been entered into or rent paid or the occupier has the formal status of "tenant". The Act applies to both (i) a Lease and (ii) an Occupancy Arrangement, and most of the laws relating to rented housing also apply as much to occupiers as tenants.

For convenience, in this Report:

- (a) Applicants seeking Registration, and
- (b) people who are already Registered ("Registered Persons"), and
- (c) people who own houses occupied as residences,

are called "Landlords" and the occupiers are called "Tenants".

Exempt Information

- 1.3 Landlord Registration cases are referred to the Committee using two documents:
 - (a) this Report, and
 - (b) one or more Schedules.
- 1.4 This is done because the Committee may consider that the cases involve "Exempt Information" under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Schedule 7A, so that information about the cases should not be disclosed to the public. The Committee are entitled, but not obliged, to make a Resolution excluding the public from a meeting during consideration of an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of that item of business there would be disclosure to them of "Exempt Information" (Section 50A(4)).
- 1.5 Since the Committee have frequently made the necessary Resolution in the past, it is permissible for future Schedules to be withheld from publication. Although a Committee's Agenda and connected Reports are generally to be made public (Section 50B(1)), publication of the Schedules to this Report (but not the Report itself) has been withheld under Section 50B(2), as the proper officer has the opinion that they relate to items during consideration of which the Meeting is likely not to be open to the public, i.e. that the Committee are likely to make a Resolution to exclude the public during consideration of the Schedules.

- 1.6. Accordingly, individual cases do not appear on the public agenda. The Report operates as a 'front page', and only appears once, regardless of how many individual cases are being referred to the Committee. The Report is general and sets out the legal structure. The Schedules detail the alleged facts of the particular cases and how the legislation appears to apply.
- 1.7. Depending on the circumstances of the individual case, the Schedules contain:
 - (a) information about the Landlord's criminal convictions or their prosecution; and/or
 - (b) information that suggests that he is not a 'fit and proper' person by reason of his conduct in relation to alleged Anti-Social Behaviour; and/or
 - information that suggests that he is not a 'fit and proper' person by reason of his breach of the legal obligations on Landlords; and/or
 - (d) information about conduct involving nuisance or crime (whether or not there have been any criminal Court proceedings).
- 1.8. The information is covered by one or other or both of the following categories of "Exempt Information" under Schedule 7A:

Paragraph 14: "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."

Paragraph 15: "The identity of a Protected Informant."

1.9. "Protected informant" is defined in Part III of the Schedule and means:

"a person giving the Local Authority information which tends to show that—

- (a) a criminal offence,
- (b) a breach of statutory duty,
- (c) a breach of planning control, within the meaning of section 123(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, or
- (d) a nuisance,

has been, is being or is about to be committed".

- 1.10. For example, Paragraph 15 would apply where it was alleged:
 - (a) that there was anti-social behaviour committed by the Tenant of a rented house, involving crime or nuisance, or
 - (b) that the state of repair of the rented house indicated that the Landlord had defaulted in his legal obligations, or
 - (c) that the Landlord had defaulted in another obligation applying to Landlords, or
 - (d) that any person had committed a criminal offence (whether or not there had been concluded Court proceedings).
- 1.11. Accordingly, if a Resolution is made the publicly-accessible Minutes:
 - (a) must exclude so much of the proceedings during which the public were excluded (Section 50C); but
 - (b) shall include a summary of the proceedings without disclosing the 'Exempt Information' (Sections 50C(2) & 50C(1)(b)).
- 1.12. Although the Schedules have not been published, in each case the individual Landlords have been given appropriate copies and notice of the Committee Meeting.
- The Landlord Registration Scheme
- 1.13. The general rule is that a person wishing to let out a house must be Registered with the Council. Registration lasts 3 years. A person must re-apply within that time to remain Registered - Registration is not automatically renewed. The requirement to be Registered is subject to many exceptions, e.g. lets to family-members do not require Registration.
- 1.14. The Act specifies conditions which Landlords must meet. One of these conditions is that the Landlord is a 'fit and proper person' (Section 84(3)(c)). The considerations which are relevant to this question are set out by the Act.
- 1.15. Once a Landlord has been Registered, the Council is entitled to review the Registration. If not satisfied that the 'fit and proper' condition for Registration is met, the Council is obliged to remove Registration (Section 89).

- 1.16. If a Landlord rents a house without being Registered, or if Registration is removed, two things can happen:
 - (a) the Council may issue a Notice under Section 94 (often called a 'Rent Penalty Notice' or 'RPN'), meaning:
 - the Tenant ceases to be liable for rent (but otherwise the Lease continues, so the Tenant remains in occupation and cannot be evicted for non-payment, and the Landlord remains responsible for repairs); and
 - (ii) any Housing Benefit stops being paid.
 - (b) the Landlord can be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 93(1). The penalty is a fine up to £50,000.

In addition, if Registration is removed, the Landlord can be prosecuted if he tries to obtain a new Tenant, e.g. by advertising the house for letting, or discussing terms with a prospective Tenant: Section 93(2). The penalty is a fine up to £50,000.

2. Background

2.1 The Clerk has received information set out in the Schedules. This information suggests that there may be a basis for the Committee concluding that the Landlord is not 'fit and proper', and that either the Application should be refused or the Registration already granted should be removed.

3. Proposals

- 3.1. The Committee should consider each case and decide whether or not to grant the Application, or remove the Registration.
- 3.2. If the Committee decide to refuse an Application, or to remove a Registration, and if they are satisfied that the house is presently occupied by a Tenant, they should then decide whether or not to issue a Notice under Section 94 (commonly known as a 'Rent Penalty Notice' or 'RPN') in respect of any house referred to in the Application or Registration.
- 3.3. If they are not so satisfied, they may delegate authority to the Clerk to issue a RPN if and when the Clerk is so satisfied. Given that there would be nothing to stop the Landlord receiving Housing Benefit even if he was unregistered, the Committee may wish to delegate authority to the Clerk to issue a RPN if the Clerk later receives information that any house which is currently covered by the Registration is occupied by a Tenant.

4. Implications

Financial:	If a RPN is issued, the Housing Benefit Office will be informed, so that the Landlord will no longer receive Housing Benefit.
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	Where the Council makes any decision to refuse or revoke Registration, to make a RPN, or to refuse to recall a RPN, the Landlord may appeal to the Sheriff or the First Tier Tribunal.
	If the Council issues a RPN, only the Tenant's liability to pay rent will cease. The other rights and obligations of the Lease will be unaffected: Section 94(3) & (8).
	For example:
	 (a) the Tenant will continue to have whatever security of tenure he already had (he cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent where that non-payment is due to the RPN);
	 (b) the Landlord will only be entitled to evict the Tenant if the Sheriff grants a Decree;
	(c) the Landlord continues to have repairing obligations.
	If a RPN is revoked by the Sheriff or Tribunal on appeal by the Landlord, the Tenant only has to pay 'arrears' of rent if, and to the extent, ordered. If a RPN is revoked by the Council then 'arrears' are not due (Section 95(3)).
Equality:	None
Environmental &	None
Sustainability:	
Key Priorities:	none
Community Benefits:	Preventing unfit Landlords from operating may contribute to the wellbeing of the community. Preventing Housing Benefit being paid to unregistered Landlords safeguards public funds.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultations are appropriate. Depending on the circumstances, the Schedules contain information supplied by the Police, NAC Departments, or other agencies.

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Reference : GEN09/WOB

For further information please contact William O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing) on 01294-324305.

Background Papers

Schedules (not to be published - Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 50B(2))