

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 8 June 2022

Subject: Application for grant of a House in Multiple Occupancy Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider an application for grant of a House in Multiple Occupancy Licence submitted by Mr. Mushtaq Yusaf, The Oval, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 8LY.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the application be considered and determined by the Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Yusaf submitted an application for grant of a House in Multiple Occupancy Licence to the Council on 12 September 2022.
- 3.2** The property to which the application relates is located at Rosshead House, Heather Avenue, Alexandria G83 0TJ. The applicant has indicated on the application form that the property is a detached house with 10 self-catering bedsits with the maximum occupancy of the premises also being 10.
- 3.3** An email was received on 19 October 2022 from Jane and John Twigg, Avenue Cottage, Heather Avenue, Alexandria G83 0TJ submitting an representation to the application.
- 3.4** In terms of the relevant legislation, an representation with respect to an application should be submitted within 28 days of receipt of the application. As Mr. Yusaf's application was received on 12 September 2022, any representation should have been submitted by 10 October 2022. There is, however, provision in the legislation for the Licensing Authority to entertain a late representation which has been received before a final decision has been made if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there is sufficient reason why the representation had not been submitted in the time required.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** In view of the representation received, the applicant and Jane and John Twigg have been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 7 December 2022.

- 4.2** It will be a matter for the Committee decide to whether to entertain the late representation once they have heard the reason for the late submission by Jane and John Twigg.
- 4.3** The terms of the representation received from Jane and John Twigg will be made known to the Committee at the meeting should the Committee decide to accept the reasons for lateness having heard from both parties.
- 5. People Implications**
- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1** There are no financial implications
- 7. Risk Analysis**
- 7.1** There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.
- 8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**
- 8.1** No impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.
- 9. Consultation**
- 9.1** Police Scotland were consulted in relation to the application.
- 10. Strategic Assessment**
- 10.1** In terms of the Council's Strategic Priorities, the purpose of licensing is to protect the welfare of the community, including vulnerable people.

Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration

Date 17 November 2022

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for grant of a House in Multiple Occupancy Licence submitted by Mr. Mushtaq Yusaf, The Oval, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 8LY.
2. Email dated 12 April 2022 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
3. Letter to Mr. Yusaf dated 18 November 2022.
4. Letter to Jane and John Twigg dated 18 November 2022.

Wards Affected: Lomond Ward.