

## **REGULATORY PANEL (SPECIAL).**

Minutes of a special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on  
17th December 2014 at 10.15 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Peter Convery (Chair), Ian Cavana, Ian Douglas, William J. Grant and Hugh Hunter.
- Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell, Ann Galbraith and Sandra Goldie
- Attending: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); J. Hodge, Policy Officer, Community Care and Housing; C. Smith, Building Standards Surveyor; F. Grant, Environmental Health Officer; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

### **1. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

**At this point, Councillor Douglas left the meeting as he had not been present at the previous Panel meeting when the undernoted licence renewal request had been heard.**

### **2. House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) – Licence Renewal Request.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 4th December 2014 (Page 3, paragraph 6), when it had been decided

- (1) that the applicant should provide daily weekday updates to the relevant officers of the Council's Housing, Building Standards and Environmental Health Services and an officer of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service outlining the ongoing status of the outstanding works;
- (2) that a site visit be carried out by the relevant officers on Tuesday, 16th December 2014 to ensure that all outstanding matters had been rectified;
- (3) to continue consideration of the matter to this meeting, at which time a decision would be taken; and
- (4) to note that the Policy Officer would normally provide an applicant with 14 days notice of the calling of a Panel meeting, however, as the applicant, Mr. Mason was present at this meeting, he confirmed that he was satisfied that he had received due notice,

and there was submitted

- (a) a report (issued to members only) of 8th December 2014 by the Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment requesting that the Panel consider the stakeholder findings from the property re-inspection of 9 Charlotte Street, Ayr on 16th December 2014 in order to decide whether to grant or refuse this HMO renewal licence application; and
- (b) the findings arising from the re-inspection on 16th December 2014 (tabled).

The Panel heard from the applicant, the Policy Officer, Community Care and Housing and the Building Standards Surveyor.

**Decided:** having agreed that the re-inspection of the property had alleviated the concerns of the Panel, to grant an HMO renewal licence for three years from the date of renewal application, 20th January 2014.

The meeting ended at 10.25 a.m.