

# City of Edinburgh Council

## Planning Committee

**30 May 2018**

### **Coalition Amendment to the Green motion Supplementary guidance on short term lets**

Committee notes the terms of the Green Motion seeking to expedite the preparation of updated planning guidance for short term lets.

The Council is united, across all political parties, in its commitment to urgent action on the very pressing and complex issue of short term lets and their impact on our communities.

Committee notes:

- 1) that a member / officer working group has been established to explore and find a viable approach to the regulation and management of short term lets in the city.
- 2) that the membership of the working group is reflective of the complexities surrounding the issue and the cross-service collaboration required to find a meaningful approach to regulation and management.
- 3) that part of the Councils approach will require the examination / development of current / new planning policy and guidance to help address the impact of short term lets in the current climate, but, acknowledges that this should be done in full collaboration with the working group.
- 4) that the issue of short term lets has grown very rapidly in scale in recent years and that developing planning policy and/or guidance will require an evidential based approach in collaboration with the Scottish Government and other Council service areas.
- 5) that there are several live planning appeals concerning short term lets currently under consideration by the Scottish Government and that the decisions made on these appeals will help clarify and inform policy development.

6) that an options paper is currently being prepared for discussion by the working group in June and that it will come forward as a formal report to the relevant committee.

Committee therefore resolves that, at this stage, it is premature to bring forward new draft guidance.

**Moved by** Councillors Neil Gardiner

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