

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 – Temporary exemptions from Short Term Let Licensing – Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026 – Proposals as adjusted agreed – Instruction to Director of Legal and Administration – Declaration of interest.

7 With reference to the minutes of 21st September 2022 (Print 3, page 342) approving a Short Term Let (STL) policy following the introduction of The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets Order) 2022, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding proposals to amend the STL policy to permit temporary exemptions from the licensing regime in respect of the city's hosting of the Commonwealth Games in 2026 and to instruct a public consultation on an amendment to the STL policy, advising that

- (1) in terms of the 2022 Order, there was a process in place where the Licensing Authority could allow for temporary exemptions from the need to hold a STL Licence, which meant that a licensing authority could decide to authorise up to 3 periods of temporary exemptions from the need to hold an STL licence in each calendar year, up to a maximum combined total of 6 weeks, subject to requirements, as detailed in the report;
- (2) in the current STL policy it was provided that no temporary exemptions would be granted and therefore any person who wished to use their premises as a STL at any time throughout the year was required to obtain a STL licence;
- (3) the Licensing Authority was required to keep its temporary exemption policy under review and publish it every 3 years, therefore a review was due to be undertaken on this policy; and
- (4) that following the announcement that Glasgow would host the Commonwealth Games from 23rd July to 2nd August 2026, which had not been anticipated when the STL policy had been adopted, consideration was required of the possible impact that granting a temporary exemption would have on alleviating accommodation pressures the city may experience in terms of hosting of the Commonwealth Games in 2026 where there would be a significant increase in demand for accommodation in the city in the period leading up to and during the event.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) considered whether to amend the STL policy to permit either a temporary exemption from the licensing regime or temporary licence process in respect of Glasgow's hosting of the Commonwealth Games in 2026; and
- (c) instructed the Director of Legal and Administration to undertake a public consultation on an amended Short Term Let policy and report back on the findings.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Ferguson declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon