

March 16th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting to be held on **Thursday**, **18th March 2021** at **2:00 pm** in **Microsoft Teams**.

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Chair:	CIIr L McEvoy
Vice:	CIIr G O'Hare
Members:	
Cllr T Andrews	
Cllr C Casey	
Cllr A Finnegan	
Cllr H Gallagher	
Cllr M Gibbons	
Cllr G Malone	
Clir C Mason	
CIIr K McKevitt	
Clir A McMurray	
CIIr B Ó'Muirí	
Clir D Taylor	
Cllr J Trainor	
Cllr W Walker	

Agenda

- 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks
- 2.0 Declarations of Interest
- 3.0 Training Session for Councillors 2.00pm 3.00pm
- 4.0 Applications for the renewal of a Licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 31 Kilmorey Street, Newry, Down, BT34 2DF
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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

6.0 19 Kilmorey Street, Newry

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Appendix 1 - Location Map - 19 Kilmorey Street Newry BT34 2DF (002).pdf

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Appendix 3 - Notice of proposed decision - 19 Kilmorey Street Newry BT34 2DF.PDF Not included

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Invitees

Clir Terry Andrews
Cllr charlie casey
Mr Eoin Devlin
Ms Louise Dillon
Cllr Aoife Finnegan
Cllr Hugh Gallagher
Cllr Mark Gibbons
Mr Michael Lipsett
Cllr Gavin Malone
Cllr Cathy Mason
Colette McAteer
Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
Patricia McKeever
Cllr Karen McKevitt
Cllr Andrew McMurray
Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
Linda O'Hare
Cllr Gerry O'Hare
Donna Starkey
Sarah Taggart
Cllr David Taylor
Cllr John Trainor
Cllr William Walker

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities	
Date of Meeting: 18 March 2021		
Subject:	Applications for the renewal of a Licence to operate a House of Multiple Occupation for 31 Kilmorey Street, Newry, Down, BT34 2DF	
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Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-For decision X For noting only 1.0 Purpose and Background 1.1 To consider an application for the renewal of a Licence permitting the use of premises as a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO). Application details Premises Application No. Applicant(s) Managing Agents 31 Kilmorey Street, 7782 Mr Patrick Heaney None Newry, Down, BT34 2DF 1.1 Members will be aware that responsibility for HMO's was transferred to local district councils in April 2019 with the introduction of a new licensing regime. Any existing registrations under the old NIHE Registration Scheme operated were deemed to be licences at the point of transfer. Members are reminded that licences are issued for a 5 year period with standard conditions. Where it is considered necessary to do so, the Committee can also impose special conditions. 1.2 Following the publication of this application, an objection was received in relation to the application. This objection raises issues regarding noise, anti-social behaviour at the property, bin storage, restricted access to right of way, parking, overcrowding, HMO residents have no long term commitment or sense of belong to the area and the impact on property values in the locality. 1.3 As a valid objection has been received, the application must be considered by Committee which must, after hearing from the objector and the applicant, decide whether to grant the renewal application.

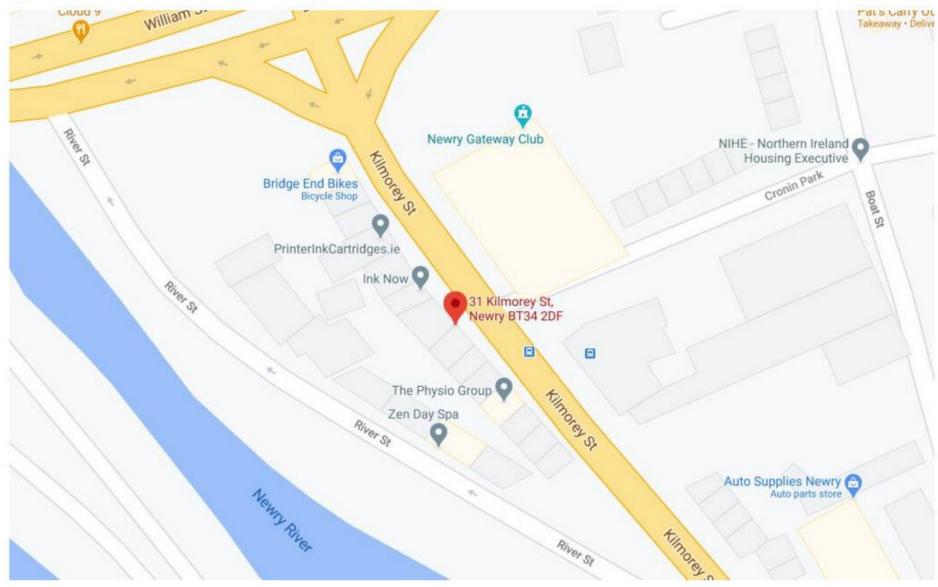
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	Pursuant to the 2016 Act, the Council may only grant a licence if it is satisfied that: a) the occupation of the living accommodation as an HMO would not constitute a breach of planning control; b) the owner, and any managing agent of it, are fit and proper persons; c) the proposed management arrangements are satisfactory); d) the granting of the licence will not result in overprovision of HMOs in the locality; e) the living accommodation is fit for human habitation and— (i) is suitable for occupation as an HMO by the number of persons to be specified in the licence, or (ii) can be made so suitable by including conditions in the licence.		
2.2	When considering the fitness of an applicant the Council must have regard to any offences concerning fraud/ dishonesty, violence, drugs, human trafficking, firearms, sexual offences, unlawful discrimination in, or in connection with, the carrying on of any business; or any provision of the law relating to housing or of landlord and tenant law. It also permits the Council to take into account any other matter which the council considers to be relevant.		
2.3	Section 20 of the 2016 Act states where the holder of an HMO licence makes an application for renewal, the council must apply the above provisions except for (a) and (d); namely whether the use is a breach of planning control or would result in overprovision.		
	<u>Objections</u>		
2.4	Following publication of notice of the application, an objection was received in relation to the renewal application. A copy of that objection is appended to this report. As appears from the objection, the issues raised are as follows:		
	a) Noise levels b) Anti-social behaviour c) Storage and amount of bins d) Right of way not easily accessed e) Parking f) Occupancy numbers g) Contribution to the community h) Property value i) Potential for a Covid-19 outbreak at the property.		
2.5	As this is a renewal application Section 20 of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 prohibits the Council from taking into account issues around overprovision.		
	<u>Fitness</u>		
2.6	The applicant has confirmed that they have not been convicted of any relevant offences as set out at paragraph 2.2 of this report.		
2.7	The applicant has not been convicted of any HMO related offences by the Council. Due to data protection issues which have recently arisen, PSNI have not been accepting or responding to notification of these applications. Officers are continuing to engage with PSNI to find a resolution to this issue. Officers are not aware of any issues relevant to the applicant's fitness.		

	Attendance			
2.8	The applicant and/or their representatives will be available to discuss any matters relating to the renewal of the licence should they arise during your meeting.			
	Suitability of the premises			
2.9	An inspection of the premises was carried out by Officers from the HMO Service on 26 November 2020. The inspections revealed that the applicant was continuing to adhere to the terms and conditions of the existing licence and no contraventions were discovered.			
	Notice of proposed decision			
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3.0	Recommendations			
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4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	None. The cost of assessing the application and officer inspections are provided for within existing budgets.			
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)			
5.1	General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes			
	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations			

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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
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	Yes □ No ☒	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
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	19 Kilmorey Street, Newry, Down, BT34 2DF	7781	Mr Steven Heaney	Clanrye Properties
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