

Legal and Civic Services Department

Democratic Services Section

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Deirdre Hargey MLA
Minister for Economy

Sent via email to: *Private.Office@economy-ni.gov.uk*

Dear Minister Hargey,

At its meeting in March, the Licensing Committee agreed that the Council would write to the NI Executive regarding the regulation of Airbnbs and other short term lets.

While there is undoubtedly a need for short term lets, particularly in regards to the overall tourism offering, the Committee feels it is important to ensure that an appropriate model is in place for the management of short term lets, and the extent to which they exist in any city and beyond, given the direct impact that they are having on communities, not least in terms of the affordability of buying or renting property.

The Council acknowledges its responsibilities and powers under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, however, the Committee believes that the necessary regulation of short term lets would go beyond the assessment of acceptability of such uses in land use terms.

I would be grateful for your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: to John O'Dowd MLA (Minister for Infrastructure) and Gordon Lyons MLA (Minister for Communities)

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