



Subject:	Airbnbs and Short term let accommodation
Date:	20 November 2024
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider the responses from the Department for the Economy and Tourism Northern Ireland to recent correspondence from the Committee regarding the regulation of short term lets, such as Airbnbs, in Northern Ireland.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the contents of the responses received from DfE and Tourism NI.
3.0	Main report

<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p>At the Licensing Committee meeting on 20 March 2024, the Committee agreed to write to the NI Executive regarding the regulation of short term lets, such as Airbnbs, in Northern Ireland. The Committee considered the responses to this letter at its meeting in August 2024. At that meeting, the Committee expressed its disappointment in the responses and reiterated their concerns on the impact of Airbnbs such as Anti-Social behaviour experienced by residents, rises in property prices and rent costs.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Committee agreed to write to the Department for the Economy and Tourism NI to reiterate the need for legislation and highlight the impact and concerns raised by the Committee, and request that the Council be involved in the Tourism NI review that had been outlined in the correspondence. This letter was issued in September and is included at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Responses were received from the Department for the Economy on the 24 September (Appendix 2) and Tourism NI on 4 October (Appendix 3).</p> <p>Both letters make reference to engagement with the Council through the Development Plan Working Group. The next meeting of the working group is scheduled on the 12 December 2024. The meeting will be attended by the Acting Planning Manager (Plans and Policy). Officers working on the Local Development Plan are aware of the issues raised by Members of the Committee and will ensure that these views are represented at the working group meeting.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.5 There are currently no financial or resource implications as a result of this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.6 There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>Appendices</u></p> <p>Appendix 1 letter to DfE and Tourism NI September 2024 Appendix 2 letter from DfE September 2024 Appendix 3 letter from Tourism NI October 2024</p>