

As a part of the study we are looking at the United Kingdom to benchmark the legislation and practices relating to the operation of short-term rentals. I understand that Local authorities have different approaches towards the different rental of short-term rentals (e.g. The number of days allowed for Short Term and Furnished Holiday Lets as well as Temporary Sleeping Accommodation (London Only)).

Do you have a system/practices in place for the monitoring of short-term rentals? We are trying to understand how the different rental types are enforced and controlled.

Short term lets will become a licensable activity in Scotland, with local authorities being required to implement a licensing scheme by the 1st October 2022. At this point there is no requirement, and therefore the City of Edinburgh Council currently does not have an established approach or policy in relation to short term lets.

However the Council's approach to dealing with short term lets is set out on the attached webpages, this also includes more detailed background which is described in the consultation response to Scottish Government which can be found on via the webpages.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/private-housing/report-problem-short-term-let/1>

The council has considered short term lets at a number of committee meeting and a selection of these reports can be found via the attached links;

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/Data/Corporate%20Policy%20and%20Strategy%20Committee/20190514/Agenda/item_72_-_short_term_lets.pdf

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s42696/7.1%20-%20Short-term%20Let%20Area%20of%20Control%20Designation.pdf>

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s43004/6.1%20Business%20Bulletin.pdf>

Further reports can be found using the search function on the council's website

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/iedocsearch.aspx?adv=1&fc=1&SS=Text%20to%20search%20for>

The new legislation does include a definitions, exclusions provides guidance on interpretation, for which there is also Scottish Government guidance. I have therefore attached links to the relevant legislation and guidance below for further information at this stage;

The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2022/9780111052396/contents>

Short term lets - licensing scheme part 1: guidance for hosts and operators

<https://www.gov.scot/news/short-term-lets-legislation-approved/#:~:text=Local%20authorities%20to%20set%20up,approved%20by%20the%20Scottish%20Parliament.>

Short term lets - licensing scheme part 2: supplementary guidance for licensing authorities, letting agencies and platforms

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/short-term-lets-scotland-licensing-scheme-part-2-supplementary-guidance-licensing-authorities-letting-agencies-platforms/documents/>