56035 Unlawful Change of Use of a Property to Short-Term Let

The number of enforcement notices sent to property owners for unlawful change of use from residential to short-term letting from 01/01/2020 and 04/07/2025.

The Council's Planning Enforcement Register (https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning-decisions-2/enforcement-1) contains information on all Enforcement Notices issued and this information is publicly available to view on the Council's online Planning and Building Standards Portal.

2020 – 16 Notices 2021 – 21 Notices 2022 – 45 Notices 2023 – 91 Notices 2024 – 90 Notices 2025 – 50 Notices Total – 313

The figure for the total number of enforcement investigations (regardless of outcome) by the council of unlawful change of use from residential to short-term letting from 01/01/2020 and 04/07/2025.

2020 - 134

2025 - 129

Total - 1,013

How many properties have been subject to more than one STL enforcement notice from 01/01/2020 and 04/07/2025? - if any, please provide a table detailing each property.

(property A, B C etc, or addresses if this can be provided) and how many enforcement notices sent and the dates notices were sent.

This information is published with the Council's Planning Enforcement Register referenced above. This contains information on all Enforcement Notices issued and is published on our website at:

https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning-decisions-2/enforcement-1

On how many occasions, within the timeframe, has the council escalated short term lets enforcement cases beyond the council, to the courts for non-compliance?

If any, please provide a table detailing the outcome, i.e. charges or fines. Personal data such as names of landlords and addresses are not necessary if this cannot be provided, simply 'case 1 escalated to courts, charged with X, outcome etc'.

The Planning authority has escalated three cases to Court for non-compliance. In two cases Interdicts were put in place to secure compliance with the Notice. In the other case, a Court undertaking was agreed in the same terms as the Interdict the Planning authority was seeking following non-compliance with the Enforcement Notice.

Of these court cases, if any, how many have been appealed and what were the outcomes? None of these have been appealed.