

57638 Short Term Operators Licence

Can you provide the number of council-owned / and or operated properties (residential or commercial) which have applied for a short-term operator's licence to be used on platforms such as Airbnb, Booking.com, Expedia.

This information is not centrally held by the Licensing Service. As part of the licensing process, the Council does not ask applicants to confirm whether the property is Council-owned or not, as there is no requirement under the legislation to do so. If an applicant does not own a property which they wish to be licensed, they are required to confirm that they have the owner's consent. The only way in which it could be confirmed if a residential Council-owned property has applied for a Short-Term Let (STL) licence would be to carry out a crosscheck of databases between STL applications and Council-owned residential properties. This would not identify which platforms the properties were utilising, such as Airbnb, Booking.com, Expedia.

The Council has so far received a total of 8,072 STL applications.

We are unable to provide the information requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.