(f) CONSULTATION ON HMO LICENSING - DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES (AN27-2011)

Draft guidance for local authorities in relation to the new licensing regime reflecting the implementation of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 which goes live in August 2011 has been issued for public consultation.

The Private Sector Services Unit represents Dundee City Council on the Scottish Houses in Multiple Occupation Networking Group (SHMONG) who have worked with the Scottish Government to draft the revised guidance. The consultation document has been circulated to relevant officers with a view to submitting a consolidated response from Dundee City Council.

Unfortunately the deadline for responses is the 21st March, 2011 and it will not be possible to prepare a response for committee approval prior to the deadline date. Committee are therefore requested to authorise the Director of Housing to draft a response following consultation with the relevant officers of the council and to circulate this, for comment, to all members of the Licensing Committee to enable a formal response to be submitted by the deadline date.