

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting – 11 June 2013

Agenda Item	7
Report No	HLC/039/13

Private Landlord Registration – Rent Penalty Notices

Report by the Legal Manager

Summary

This Report provides an update on Rent Penalty Notices served under Part 8 of The Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 and invites the Committee to note the Report.

1.0 Background

1.1 Part 8 of The Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 requires that all private landlords, who let residential property to an unconnected person, be registered with the Local Authority in whose Area the let property is situated, unless all property that they let is covered by one or more of the exemptions provided in the legislation.

1.2 The Report to Committee HLC/028/13 on 14 May 2013, detailed 11 Landlords who had failed to register and sought approval to serve Rent Penalty Notices in respect of their 21 properties as listed in the appendix to that Report.

1.3 The Rent Penalty Notices were served on the Landlords and the Notices, which were copied to the tenants of the properties, had a commencement date of 5 June 2013 to allow landlords time to apply for registration before the Notices came into effect.

2.0 Revocation of Notices and Appeals

2.1 Two of the Landlords on whom the Notices were served have since applied for registration and as a result, the eight Notices in respect of their properties have now been revoked with immediate effect. A further five properties were declared in these applications for registration.

2.2 To date no notification of appeal against any of the Notices served has been received.

3.0 Recommendation

Members are invited to note the Report

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Background Papers: Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 – Part 8 Housing: registration of certain landlords