

Appendix 15

General Questions asked at the selective licensing public consultation meetings and responses

How much is the licence and where does the money go? – on the administration of the scheme

Why the particular 7 wards were chosen, what research was done? – answer after researching ASB, noise complaints, fly tipping, inspections in response to rented property disrepair complaints etc. along with the hot spot maps, the areas were determined.

When will scheme be implemented? – reviewed and determined by Cabinet.

If the owners daughter lives at the property and rents out some rooms to lodgers does it need a licence? - Depending on the situation this is likely to be exempt.

The ASB link cannot be directly linked to the private rented sector. There are hostels for the homeless in some of the areas selected, impact of the night time economy not considered (nuisance is from the visitors to late night establishments) – the Mayhew associate reports plots inferences on the property types compared to the various datasets the council holds to come up with a probability ratio.

The Council does not know where the landlords are- licensing would rectify this; the onus is landlords to apply for a licence. Publicity will be made available in the relevant areas.

Landlords may reduce the numbers of properties for rent – the licence fee is approximately £100 per year, it is not felt this would be a consequence of licensing.

Does not address short term lets i.e. Air bnb – no, it will not in all cases.

Have other options been considered, what else are the Council doing to reduce ASB? – yes in the consultation document, it part of an overall strategy

Why should landlords pay for a public benefit – they may be adding to the stresses in an area.

Landlords – expressed concern over the cost – running a business does incur some costs