



Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and the Housing Act 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME INTRODUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME IN THE CATHAYS COMMUNITY WARD OF CARDIFF

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cardiff Council has confirmed the designation of an additional licensing scheme in respect of houses in multiple occupation covering the Cathays Community Ward. This scheme will be known as (The City of Cardiff Council's Houses in Multiple Occupation Additional Licensing Scheme 2014) ("The Scheme"). The confirmation of the designation is in accordance with Sections 56 to 60 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") and regulation 9 of the Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Wales) Regulations 2006.

The designation was made at the Council's Cabinet Meeting on 17th September 2015. The Housing Act 2004 (Additional HMO Licensing) (Wales) General Approval 2007, which came into force on 13th March 2007 applies to this designation.

The Scheme will be effective from 1st January 2016 and unless revoked beforehand will cease to have effect on 1st January 2021. The Scheme applies to all Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within the area described above except those exempted by the relevant sections of the Act.

Any landlord, person managing, or tenant within the City should seek advice from the City of Cardiff Council's Housing Enforcement Service regarding whether a property is affected by the Cathays Community Ward Additional Licensing Scheme.

A person having control or managing an HMO in the designated area must apply to the City of Cardiff Council for a licence.

Failure to apply for a licence is an offence under Section 72(1) of the Housing Act 2004 for which a person may be fined up to £20,000. In addition you may be required to repay up to 12 months rent collected during such time that the property was unlicensed.

For an application to be considered it must provide prescribed particulars and must be accompanied by the requisite fee. To request an application form in writing please contact Housing Enforcement, City of Cardiff Council, City Hall, Cardiff, CF10 3ND or by telephoning 029 2087 1762 or by e-mailing PrivateSectorHousing@cardiff.gov.uk A copy of the Scheme is available for public inspection at, City Hall, Cardiff, CF10 3ND. This information is also available from the Council's website found at <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Business/Licences-and-permits/Houses-in-multiple-occupancy/Documents/HMO%20licence%20guidance.pdf>

