

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

LEADERSHIP TEAM– 22 MARCH 2018

FINAL REPORT OF THE SHORT TERM HOLIDAY LETTINGS WORKING GROUP

The Leadership Team is requested to receive the attached report of the cross party Short Term Lettings Working Group and to ask officers to provide a report to a future meeting on the recommendations.

FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Short Term Lettings Working Group was established in response to complaints about the impact of these type of lettings and to explore the issues in greater depth than could be achieved at a formal committee meeting.
- 1.2 Members of the Working Group included Councillors Spalding (Chairman), Blakeman, Condon-Simmonds and Press. At a series of themed meetings, they reviewed:
 - Planning controls;
 - The impact on neighbours and neighbourhoods;
 - The impact on the businesses and the local economy;
 - The impact on housing.
- 1.3 Members heard from residents, resident associations, garden square committees and local businesses. They also heard from short term holiday companies themselves. Research from external organisations including Colliers International and the London School of Economics also contributed to the review. The Working Group developed a total of nine evidence based recommendations.
- 1.4 The Working Group held an additional meeting with Airbnb at their request and the details are included in an addendum to the report. Airbnb responded by email to the actions included in the addendum. Airbnb stated that they look forward to working with the Council to check appropriate permission for those going over 90 nights. However, beyond this there are stringent data protection laws which

prevent them from sharing personal information on an ad hoc basis. Their understanding from the meeting was that the Cllr Spalding was due to write to Airbnb to further discuss this matter. Regarding noise and nuisance - there are legal implications around sharing personal data, however, for areas where there are due enforcement processes being undertaken at a council level, Airbnb would look to co-operate if the relevant notices are shared with them.

2 Recommendations

2.1 The Leadership Team are recommended to:

- Receive the Final Report;
- Request that officers provide a response to the recommendations at a future Leadership Team; and
- Agree that regular reports are provided to the Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on those recommendations that are accepted.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report: These are listed at the end of the attached Working Group report.

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