

NOTICE OF MOTION**PARTY HOUSES” – SHORT-TERM LETS****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

That the motion be amended to insert a new recommendations as shown in ***bold italics***.

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Proposed by: Councillor Osborne

Seconded by: Councillor Mac Cafferty

Supporting Information:

This council is acutely aware of the impact of so-called party houses, which affect tourist destinations and seaside towns and cities in particular.

This council notes previous attempts to address this issue, including cross-party work and a motion calling upon the government to pass national legislation and take action, and regrets that no such action was taken. We note that local authorities currently do not have the ability or the powers to adequately address this issue.

This council now asks for delegated powers so that we can take action where necessary and as appropriate. We need regulatory powers to stand up for our residents and ensure holiday lets are conducted in a responsible way.

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