

PPE PDS Meeting: 15th November 2022

Public Questions

1) Question from Dermott McKibbin:

Has the owner of the house in multiple occupation property in Avondale Road Mottingham, (that the Council prosecuted for failing to obtain planning permission), now registered this large property multi-occupied, with the Council's Environmental Health Department.

Response to Question 1:

Public Protection and Enforcement's Housing Enforcement Team recently (Nov 22) successfully prosecuted an owner of an HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) on Avondale Road for failing to licence it with LBB. The owner is yet to apply for a licence and if this is not received further action will be taken.

2) Question from Dermott McKibbin:

Why does the Portfolio Plan not refer to the Borough's Housing Strategy's recommendation "to introduce mandatory licensing for HMOs of all sizes and invest in resources to monitor and enforce this" Is this still council policy?

Response to Question 2

This area of work was not scheduled for the 2022-23 Portfolio Plan as other operational and covid recovery priorities had to take precedence. Public Protections Housing Enforcement Team will be working with Housing Services on the delivery of commitments set out in the Housing Strategy for 2019-2029. .