

## MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	20 July 2023
<b>Title of Motion</b>	Registration and Regulation of Air B&B
<b>Proposer</b>	Councillor Keith Pearson
<b>Seconder</b>	Councillor Lindsey Green
<b>Recommendation for Council to vote on</b>	<p>That Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the relevant Secretary of State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stating that the Council believes there is an urgent need for the registration and control of the increasing trend towards the offering of Air B&amp;B's,</li> <li>• requesting that all possible measures are taken to ensure that relevant Health and Safety requirements under the current national regulations for Health and Safety are in place, including but not limited to all relevant electrical and gas checks, fire escape requirements etc, as apply to all registered landlords are applied to Air B&amp;B's; and</li> <li>• confirming that Stroud District Council will fully support any legislation for mandatory registration of such properties.</li> </ul>
<b>Context for the motion (i.e. why is the motion being submitted – what is the proposer aiming to achieve)</b>	<p>It seems that the growth of Air B&amp;B continues unabated, this has some serious concerns with it. It appears that more buy to let owners have taken to letting out their properties in areas that attract tourism particularly, to this form of income source. The results are that less homes are available for long term lets, even though the need for this type of property is growing at a high rate. An example of this issue is here with us in Painswick, where there are now apparently 54 Air B&amp;B's being offered.</p> <p>Another concern is that there appears to be little if any regulation for the practice, which could lead to serious safety concerns. There is no registration scheme for these properties and therefore as such no control of the measures to ensure the safety of the hirers is in place.</p>
<b>Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the District – please confirm how this criteria is met</b>	<p>This motion directly relates to the use of properties within the district and ensuring the health and safety of our residents and visitors</p>

<p><b>Which Council Plan Priority does the Motion support? (select all that apply)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environment and Climate Change – Protecting our environment and leading the district to carbon neutrality in 2030</li> <li>2. Community Resilience and Wellbeing – Strengthening and supporting our communities so people feel included and connected</li> <li>3. Economy, Recovery and Regeneration – Supporting a thriving and resilient local economy</li> </ol>
<p><b>Does the motion have potential financial or resource implications for the Council – if yes advise what these might be</b></p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>Does the motion have potential legal or constitutional implications for the Council – if yes advise what these might be</b></p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>Are there any Environmental or Climate Change Implications that the Council should be aware of – if yes advise what these might be</b></p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>Are there any equalities impacts associated with the motion? If yes an equalities impact assessment will be required</b></p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>Does the motion require further background information to enable the Council to make a decision– if yes advise what might be required</b></p> <p>No</p>

#### OFFICER IMPLICATIONS

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<p><b>Has the Council or is the Council doing any work at the current time in relation to this motion or any associated issues? If yes please add details</b></p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>Does the motion support any of the priorities set out in the Council Plan?</b></p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>Does the motion have potential financial or resource implications for the Council – if yes advise what these might be and confirm whether budget is available</b></p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>Does the motion have potential legal or constitutional implications for the Council – if yes advise what these might be</b></p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>Are there any Environmental or Climate Change Implications that the Council should be aware of – if yes advise what these might be</b></p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>Should an equality impact assessment be completed before the deliberation of this motion?</b></p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>Does the motion require further background information to be carried out to enable the Council to make a decision – if so advised what might be required</b></p> <p>No</p>	

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