

STATUS - for decision

1. FIRE AT PROPERTY IN KEIR STREET **Exact address redacted**

As most of you will be aware, there was a bad fire in a ground floor flat in Keir Street in the early hours of the morning of 24 April 2020. That property was badly damaged. The flat above **in the stair at XXX** Keir Street was badly affected in one room and had significant smoke damage in the rest of the flat. The basement flat below was affected in one room - the ceiling partially came down due to water damage. No-one was hurt although one family cat lost its life due to smoke.

One household is in an empty Lister flat temporarily; a second is staying with relatives and a third is in a care home. Loss adjusters for our Insurers are involved and a surveyor has been engaged by them to progress organising the reinstatement work. This will be some months, exacerbated by the unknowns regarding the re-start of normal building work by contractors due to Covid-19.

2. COVID-19 RETURNS

We are required to do a monthly return to the SHR about certain key stats, mainly around rents, arrears, voids, etc. There was a one-off financial return to the SHR that was sent with the first monthly return. The SFHA is also planning to do a quarterly information gathering questionnaire amongst their members, to have information to lobby government, etc.

The Annual Return on Charter (ARC) and the associated EESSH return deadlines have been set to the end of July (from end of May) to allow for the impacts of the Covid-19 upon workplaces.

3. SOFTWARE LICENCES

To the best of our knowledge all software that we use at Lister is properly licenced for us to use.

4. DONATIONS

Lister made no donations in 2019-20.

5. AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations, etc., were taken in 2019-20:

SFHA (£1,000); EVH (£1,738); EVH Landlord manual (£840); Positive Action in Housing (£350); Cockburn Association (£40); Scottish Refugee Council (£75); Living Wage (£72); Old Town Association (£20); Friends of the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links (£10); Community Energy Scotland (£nil); CoopsUK (£120).

6. THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The auditors, Chiene + Tait, have started their audit this week and everything is on schedule. They are working remotely and the audit file has been posted to the lead audit senior successfully. The accounts are on schedule to be approved at the June Management Committee meeting. The AGM will be postponed due to Covid-19 but the accounts are authorised fully once then have been to the Committee and the auditors have signed them thereafter.

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