

Unipol Code Tribunal

2nd March 2011, Unipol Student Homes, Leeds

Meeting to consider a complaint against Mr GY Bobat

Present: Dr Andrew Brooks (Chair); Mr Jack Cheyette (Vice Chair); Mr Steve Kettlewell (Vice Chair)

In Attendance: Mr Simon Kemp (Codes Administrator, Unipol)

Details of the Complaint

Following information provided by Leeds City Council that they had agreed to revoke Mr Bobat's HMO licenses as they considered him no longer to be a fit and proper person, Mr Bobat no longer complied with section 3.00 of the Unipol Code, holding a licence for all licensable HMOs.

Other Matters that the Tribunal Took Into Account

Mr GY Bobat was imprisoned in November 2010 for offences of a sexual nature, at which point Leeds City Council undertook a review of his fit and proper person status in respect of holding HMO licenses, which LCC agreed to revoke. As soon as LCC reported their decision to Unipol, the Chair agreed to temporarily suspend Mr Bobat's membership of the Code, pending a hearing of the Tribunal being arranged to consider his Code status.

Report

The Tribunal discussed the nature of the complaint and whether to continue with the temporary suspension agreed previously by the Chair. The landlord was not present and Leeds City Council had been unable to provide a representative to attend the meeting.

Decision

That Mr GY Bobat's suspension from membership of the Code should continue as the Tribunal felt not being in possession of relevant HMO licenses was a serious breach of the Code and that a press release should be issued.

Further Information

The Codes Administrator reported that Mr Bobat's son had applied for the HMO licenses for the properties previously held under his father's name and that LCC had granted these to him. In addition, Mr Bobat's son had applied to join the Unipol Code and that one property inspection had been carried out in response to this. The inspection had revealed some non-compliance with the Code.

Follow-up Action

The Tribunal suggested that Mr Bobat's current tenants be informed of the suspension

of Mr Bobat and that his son was applying to join, and that additional property inspections be conducted on these properties before deciding whether to accredit Mr Bobat's son.