

Title of Report:	Houses in Multiple Occupation - Quarterly Statistics 1st July – 30th September 2025
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	12th December 2025
For Decision or For Information	For information
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy, Active and Engaged Communities
Outcome	To provide information on HMOs within the Borough.
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report to provide members with statistical information on the performance of the NIHMO unit over the last reporting quarter.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Since 1st April 2019, the licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation, became the responsibility of local Councils, a function transferred from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. This service is undertaken by the Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation Unit (NIHMO), based in Belfast City Council on behalf of all NI Councils.
- 2.2 A House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) is a property which is:
- living accommodation
 - the main residence of three or more people who are from more than two households
 - rented by at least one of the people living in the accommodation.
- 2.3. All HMO owners must comply with the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 and must have a licence from their local council to continue running it as an HMO.
- 2.4 Quarterly returns on key performance indicators are submitted to the Department for Communities. The Borough's data for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 is provided at Appendix 1.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the report be noted.

Appendix 1

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area HMO Licensing Data

Quarter 2 – 1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025

Table 1 Licences granted during quarter

	New Applications	Renewal Application	Total
Licences granted Quarter 2	8	2	10

Table 2 Summary of Licences granted year to date

	New Applications	Renewal Application	Total
Licences granted YTD	12	18	30

Table 3a Summary of Licenced HMOs – end quarter 30 September 2025

	No.	Permitted Occupancy
Licenced HMOs	218	944

Table 3b Summary of Licenced HMOs – end quarter 30 September 2024

	No.
Licenced HMOs	213

Table 4 Summary of inspections

No Access	Licensing Inspections	Final	Final (Virtual)	Enforcement	Grand Total
0	18	4	4	2	28