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Councillor Simon Ball  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Ball

**Question at Council – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

**Could you please provide details on the number of financial penalties, each up to £30,000, that have been issued in Rotherham as an alternative to prosecution for unlicensed properties since selective licensing was first introduced in 2015?**

I can advise that the council trialled their use in 2019, during the first period of selective licensing, when three civil penalties were issued. Due to the civil nature of these penalties, officers found that they are harder to enforce and recover, with one still being recovered and is scheduled to be finally and fully recovered in mid-2026.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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