



# ASSC Advocacy Fund

Supporting self-catering in Scotland

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### Purpose & Terms and Conditions

#### 1. Purpose of the Advocacy Fund

The primary objectives of the fund are:

- To support lobbying and representation efforts at national and local government levels.
- To fund legal and consultancy services required for advocacy.
- To conduct research and campaigns that highlight the value and contributions of the self-catering sector.
- To engage with policymakers and stakeholders to influence fair regulations.
- To raise public awareness about the economic and cultural importance of short-term lets in Scotland.

#### 2. Scope of Fund Impact

- The Advocacy Fund will be utilised to benefit the self-catering sector in Scotland as a whole.
- All activities and expenditures will aim to have a positive impact on the entire sector, regardless of geographical focus.
- No funds will be allocated to projects or initiatives that benefit individual businesses exclusively without contributing to the wider sector.

#### 3. Fund Management and Structure

- The Advocacy Fund will be held in a ring-fenced account separate from the general finances of the ASSC.
- All funds received will be allocated exclusively to advocacy, lobbying, and representation efforts.

- **A fund oversight committee**, composed of ASSC representatives, will manage and approve fund expenditures to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Financial reports detailing income and expenditure will be published **annually** for donor review.

#### 4. **Donation Mechanism**

- Donations will be facilitated via [Donorbox](#) that directs contributors to a secure payment gateway linked directly to the Advocacy Fund's bank account.
- Contributors can donate using various methods, including debit/credit card payments, direct bank transfers, and PayPal.
- Donors may choose to contribute a one-time payment or set up recurring donations.
- Suggested donation tiers will be available, but contributors can donate any amount they wish.
- Receipts will be automatically generated and emailed to donors for record-keeping.

#### 5. **Terms and Conditions**

- **Use of Funds:** Donations will be strictly used for advocacy, lobbying, and representation activities in accordance with ASSC's mission.
- **Non-Refundable:** All donations are final and non-refundable.
- No goods or services will be exchanged for your donation
- **Voluntary Contributions:** Donations do not grant any special privileges or voting rights within the ASSC.
- **Transparency & Reporting:** ASSC will maintain transparency by providing annual reports on fund allocation and usage.
- **Compliance:** The Advocacy Fund will operate in compliance with relevant charity and financial regulations in Scotland
- **Right to Decline Donations:** ASSC reserves the right to decline any donation that may conflict with the organisation's mission or ethical standards
- **Fair Use Policy:** All decisions regarding fund allocation will prioritise initiatives that benefit the self-catering sector in its entirety, ensuring fair and equal representation across Scotland.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Any potential conflict of interest among fund oversight committee members will be declared and recorded to maintain integrity in fund management.

#### 6. **Amendments to Terms and Conditions**

The ASSC reserves the right to update these Terms and Conditions as needed to ensure compliance with relevant regulations and to enhance fund governance. Any significant changes will be communicated to donors through official ASSC communication channels.

By donating to the Advocacy Fund, contributors agree to these Terms and Conditions and support the mission to secure a sustainable future for Scotland's self-catering sector.