

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

25 May 2021

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB- COMMITTEE(S) AND DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose the membership of the Licensing Committee Sub-Committees following the Annual Meeting of Council on the 19 May 2021.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 The proposals are required to effectively discharge the functions of the authority in respect of general licensing applications, the majority of which relate to taxi licensing. The range of functions is set out within the Council's Constitution in Part 3 Responsibility for Functions relating to the Licensing Committee and Sub-Committees. These functions include taxi licensing, street trading, and other general licensing regimes as required. A separate report is being submitted in respect of Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 functions.

3. Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 19 May 2021 Council received a report establishing the membership of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee and the Licensing Committee.

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Licensing Committee continue with the existing arrangements and approve the formation of two panels sitting on a rota basis each consisting of seven Members of the Licensing Committee and chaired by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible.
- 4.2 In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair are not able to attend their respective sub-committee meeting, a chair will be elected from those in attendance.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 The report content has no direct effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

6.1 Information/Administrative report – EIA not needed

The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. This is an information report, therefore it is not necessary to carry out an EIA in the production of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 There are no implications arising from the proposals.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposals.

9. Recommendation(s)

9.1 The Committee is recommended to:

9.2 Approve the formation of two panels sitting on a rota basis each consisting of seven Members of the Licensing Committee and chaired by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible. In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair are not able to attend their respective subcommittee meeting, a chair will be elected from those in attendance. These Licensing Sub-Committees will undertake licensing functions, including taxi licensing and street trading as set out in the Council's Constitution.

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Background documents

None