

# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**25 MAY 2022**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY**

#### **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 2022.

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

- 2.1 There is no connection to the corporate well-being objectives. 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 18 May 2022 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 continues with the existing arrangements and approves 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 An initial EIA screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

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

- 7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

## **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 sub-committee 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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