

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
13-09-21

Present:

Councillors: Annwen Hughes (Chair), John Brynmor Hughes, Elin W Jones, Gareth Morris Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Dafydd Owen, Edgar Owen, Jason W Parry, Angela Russell, Elfed Williams and Gareth Williams

Officers:

Siôn Huws (Senior Solicitor - Corporate), Gareth Jones (Assistant Head of Environment Department) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democratic Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Steve Collings and Councillor Roy Owen.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 July 2021 as a true record.

Geraint B Edwards (Solicitor) was congratulated for his appointment as Solicitor in Monmouthshire. He was thanked for his advice and support to the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Sub-committee over the years and best wishes were relayed to him in his new post.

5. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Accepted, for information, the minutes of the Sub-committee meetings held 15 March 2021

6. REGULATION OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

Submitted - a report by the Head of Environment Department highlighting the need for the Licensing Authorities that wished to regulate sex establishments in their area to adopt the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Crime and Policing Act 2009.

He referred to the background of the situation in Gwynedd and the powers that currently existed along with the decision of the General Licensing Committee (19 July 2021) to

approve undertaking a process of considering adopting Schedule 3 to ensure the licensing and regulation of sex establishments in the County. Additionally, a 28-day consultation process had been approved and the public consultation had been launched on 26 July and ended on 23 August.

A press statement had been released and an awareness-raising campaign of the consultation had been held on social media. Key partners (including North Wales Police and Town and Community Councils) were consulted and invited to contribute to the consultation. Also, a questionnaire was posted on the Council's website and 102 responses were received. It was reported that a clear majority (68%) of the full responses that were received were in favour of adopting Schedule 3 to be able to regulate sex establishments in the County. Consequently, it was recommended that the Committee should recommend that the Full Council adopted Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1982 and associated recommendations. It was anticipated that the matter would be submitted before the Full Council on 7 October 2012.

The members thanked the officer for the report

Proposed and seconded – to approve the recommendation

RESOLVED that the Committee recommends that the Full Council:

- **Adopts, county-wide, the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1982, as amended by the Crime and Policing Act 2009, to become operational no earlier than 1 December 2021**
- **Instructs the Head of Legal Services to publish the statutory notices associated with the decision to adopt for two consecutive weeks, with the first no later than 28 days before the date when the decision to adopt comes into force**
- **Delegates the matters of determining fees, setting standard conditions and a plan for processing applications to the General Licensing Committee.**

The meeting commenced at 10.00 and concluded at 10.15