

## **PUBLIC NOTICE IN RESPECT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF WREXHAM**

**This designation is published in accordance with Sections 56 to 60 of the Housing Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Wales) Regulations 2006.**

Notice is hereby given that Wrexham County Borough Council has made a designation of an additional licensing scheme in respect of houses in multiple occupation (HMOs). The designation applies to the whole area of the County Borough of Wrexham.

This designation will be known as the **“Wrexham County Borough Council Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation Scheme 2022”**.

The designation was made at the Council’s Executive Board Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021. The designation was not required to be confirmed. The General Approval under the Housing Act 2004 (Additional HMO Licensing) (Wales) General Approval 2007, which came into force on 13 March 2007, applies to this designation. The designation will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and unless revoked beforehand will cease to have effect on 31 December 2026. The designation applies to all Houses in Multiple Occupation within the County Borough except those exempted by the relevant sections of the Housing Act 2004.

Any landlord, person managing/letting or tenant within the County Borough should seek advice from Wrexham County Borough Council’s Environmental Health and Housing Standards team on whether their property is affected by the designation.

**Under Section 72(1) of the Housing Act 2004, a person commits an offence if that person is having control of or managing an HMO which is required to be licensed but is not so licensed. A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to an unlimited fine (formerly up to £20,000). In addition that person may be required to repay up to 12 months’ rent collected during such time that the property was unlicensed.**

For an application to be considered it must provide prescribed particulars and must be accompanied by the appropriate licence fee. To request an application for licence or for general advice please contact Housing Standards (part of the Environmental Health & Housing Standards team), Wrexham County Borough Council, 16 Lord Street, Wrexham, LL13 7TU Telephone (01978) 292040

Email: [HealthandHousing@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:HealthandHousing@wrexham.gov.uk) .

A copy of the designation is available for public inspection at the Reception, Wrexham Contact Centre, 16 Lord street ,Wrexham LL11 1LG ( please telephone beforehand in case the contact centre is still closed due to pandemic restrictions.

This information is also available from the Council’s website found at:-

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/houses-multiple-occupation-hmo-licensing-and-management>