

## Collaboration Proposals in Licensing – Flintshire and Wrexham

Whilst it is acknowledged that the two Counties have significantly different profiles there are a number of areas where collaborative working could be worthwhile and effective.

<b>Wrexham</b>	<b>Flintshire</b>
Main town centre focus	Dispersed market towns
Well developed late night economy	Urbanised Deeside 'Strip'
Established student population	Large holiday caravan sites in north
Football Club on edge of town	Football Club on edge of retail park
Rural hinterland	Rural hinterland

### Licensing Act 2003

#### Proposal 1

There is a statutory requirement for a full formal review and consultation process in respect of the 'statement of licensing policy' in 2015. We will produce a single document that covers both Counties.

#### Proposal 2

It would be useful for the existing policy statements to be augmented because of the number of legislative changes that have come about in the last 18 months or so. Rather than a wholesale review as required for 2015 we propose a joint addendum to the two existing policies that will be placed on the respective council websites.

#### Proposal 3

Engage in agreed joint enforcement initiatives, working with partner organisations when necessary.

#### Proposal 4

Engage in the provision and dissemination of jointly produced information, advice and guidance.

## **Gambling Act 2005**

### **Proposal 5**

Engage in agreed joint enforcement initiatives, working with partner organisations when necessary

### **Proposal 6**

Engage in the provision and dissemination of jointly produced information, advice and guidance.

### **Proposal 7**

The next review of the Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy is due in 2016. We will produce a single document that covers both Counties.

## **Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing**

### **Proposal 8**

Adopt identical policies, procedures and standards based upon the outcome of the current Law Commission review of taxi legislation and any Welsh Government interpretation of the findings.

### **Proposal 9**

Work year by year towards standardising fees and charges.

### **Proposal 10**

Engage in agreed joint enforcement initiatives, working with partner organisations when necessary.

### **Proposal 11**

Engage in the provision and dissemination of jointly produced information, advice and guidance.

## **General**

### **Proposal 12**

Jointly identify any training needs for Licensing Officers, Elected Members, Legal Dept colleagues, staff from other Public Protection disciplines and partner organisations. Jointly facilitate any training opportunities identified.