Public Notice in respect of the introduction of an additional licensing scheme for houses in multiple occupation in the County of Gwynedd

This notice 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 Gwynedd Council has made a designation for an additional licensing scheme in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). The designation applies to the whole area of the County of Gwynedd.

The designation will be known as the "Gwynedd Council Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation Scheme 2026-2031".

The designation was made by the Cabinet Member for Housing on the 08.07.2026. 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 13th March 2007, applies to the designation.

The designation will come into force on 08.10.2026 and, unless previously revoked, shall cease to have effect on the 07.10.2031. The designation applies to all Houses in Multiple Occupation within the County except those exempted by the relevant sections of the Housing Act 2004.

Any landlord, managing agent, person having control of, or person managing an HMO within the County of Gwynedd should seek advice from Gwynedd Council's Private Rented Sector Unit on whether their property is affected by the designation.

Under Section 72(1) of the Housing Act 2004, a person commits an offence if they are a person having control of or managing an HMO which is required to be licensed but is not so licensed. A person committing such an offence may be prosecuted and, upon conviction, is liable to an unlimited fine. In addition, a Rent Repayment Order may be made requiring repayment of up to

12 months' rent received during the period the property was required to be licensed but was not licensed.

Applications for a licence must contain the prescribed information and be accompanied by the appropriate licence fee. To request an application for licence or for general advice please contact Private Rented Sector Unit, Gwynedd Council, Pencadlys - Bloc B, Caernarfon LL55 1SH Telephone (01286) 682853 wenaroberts@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

A copy of the designation is available for public inspection at the Private Rented Sector Unit, Gwynedd Council, Pencadlys - Bloc B, Caernarfon LL55 1SH. Please book by appointment on 01766 771000.

Signed  Date …08/07/2026…….

Head of Housing and Property Service