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PROPERTY LICENSING CONSULTATION

We want your views on plans to improve housing standards in privately rented homes.

Newcastle City Council are consulting on a new proposed licensing scheme which will use a combination of additional and selective licensing.

- **Additional Licensing** will apply to houses in multiple occupation throughout the city.

- **Selective Licensing** will apply to all privately rented homes within a designated area.

Before we can introduce a licensing scheme we have to show why we think this kind of scheme is needed, what kind of problems it is trying to tackle and why we think other ways of working have failed to deal with these problems. We must consult with all affected people, such as tenants, residents, landlords, managing agents, businesses, charities, universities, Police, Fire Service, local councillors etc. It is very important that we gather as many views as possible and that we give proper consideration to these views.

To make sure that we consult fairly we are using a variety of methods to reach stakeholders, these include on-line questionnaires, face-to-face interviews, discussion groups, events and workshops.

The consultation period starts on the 5th November 2018 and closes on the 27th January 2019. Full details about the proposal including fees, licence conditions and scheme boundary can be found at https://newcastleplproposal.commonplace.is Here you can also have your say by answering questions and leaving comments. There are questions for each type of stakeholder together with a library of all the documents about the proposed schemes.

There will be 3 consultation events at Newcastle City Library, 33 New Bridge Street West, where there will be a number of presentations followed by an opportunity for questions to be asked. The dates are:

- Tuesday 20th November   17:00-19:00
- Tuesday 4th December   13:00-15:00
- Monday 14th January   17:00-19:00

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Foster
Service Manager Public Safety & Regulation