

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service

4 November 2025

Dear all,

Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill

As you may be aware, the Welsh Government has introduced the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill ("the Bill") to the Senedd on 3 November 2025. The Bill has been referred to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny of its general principles.

With regard to the licensing provisions within the Bill, I would welcome your views on the following points:

- Do you foresee any impact on demand for independent fire assessors resulting from the Bill?
- Do you have a view on section 20(8) of the Bill, which removes the requirement under article 42(1)(a) of the Fire Safety Order for the Welsh Ministers (as licensing authority) to ensure that a relevant fire and rescue authority has the opportunity to make representations before they issue a licence under this scheme?
- In determining a licence application Welsh Ministers will be able to use any information or evidence provided by a fire and rescue authority. Do you have a view on the information sharing provisions in the Bill and how these will work in practice?



- The Bill's accompanying Explanatory Memorandum ("EM") states that "there is currently no data available on the characteristics of premises or levels of compliance with the existing statutory obligations". The EM also refers to "anecdotal non-compliance" with the existing statutory requirements. Does this reflect the fire authority's experience and do you have a view on the evidence base for the proposals in this Bill?

Further details of the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill are available on our [website](#). You would be welcome to comment any other aspect of the legislation that you may feel relevant to our scrutiny.

Due to the short timeframe for Stage 1 scrutiny, I would be grateful if you could provide a response to these points by Friday 14 November if possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English