PASC UK WALES NEWSLETTER
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COMMENTARY

With only 1 week to go until the 182 Consultation Closes, there is 1 single priority this week and this week's newsletter is dedicated to that only.

The message from the Ministers is clear - submit our responses in large numbers.

You can respond online HERE

The 182-day page on the PASC UK Website is where you will find all the most up to date documents. Here is the link HERE

There are many who are extremely active - taking the consultation extremely seriously, doing everything in their power to encourage others to complete it, and actively helping others to complete it. It is also clear though, that there are still many operators who will be leaving the consultation to others **… so let's do everything we can for a big push this week.**

If you can all encourage just one more person to complete it, that will make a difference.

… and we are doing the same - our activity this week has been almost exclusively around trying to get as many as possible to complete the consultation.

We have held 2 in-person meetings in Pembrokeshire and North West Wales – why these 2 venues? Because they have the most density of holiday let properties. We had a great turnout with over 200

people registered across just 2 meetings. We think these are the largest self-catering meetings which have ever taken place in Wales!

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The draft PASC Consultation Response is now live for our members to review.

We won't focus on anything else in this newsletter but I will just say that we submitted our Rural Proofing Consultation response this week. This is available to view. There are some points within this consultation that you may find useful for your 182 response. You can review this here: Non-member Access and Member Access

Kind regards

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WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU THIS WEEK?

1. Submit your responses to the **182 Day consultation** and encourage everyone related to do so – employees, trades, family members, local pubs, those who you buy your welcome pack items from… numbers matter! We have guidance written for both operators, and for the wider supply chain to make this as easy as possible for everyone!

WALES IN PERSON MEETINGS – 13 & 14 OCTOBER

TWO BRILLIANT MEETINGS AND A STRONGER VOICE FOR OUR SECTOR

What a fantastic couple of days we had in Wales this week! Apart from powering through miles of world-class scenery, we met so many wonderful self-catering operators, the 'lifeblood of Welsh Tourism', as Jim Jones, CEO of North Wales Tourism, so rightly described you.

Our PASC UK Cymru meetings in Pembrokeshire and Caernarfon had fantastic turnouts, with excellent engagement from Members, non-members, agencies and our supporting partners.

Our main aim was simple: to help as many operators as possible respond to the Welsh Government's 182-day consultation. We covered the work that went into securing it and how owners can use their own experiences to make the strongest possible case for change.

We also welcomed the **Welsh Revenue Authority** for a live demonstration of Statutory Registration, **SuperControl** shared local booking data and we heard from **Zeal Tax** about optimising tax positions and changes affecting this year's tax returns.

But perhaps the most encouraging part was the feedback.

So many people told us they simply hadn't realised how much work PASC UK and others are doing behind the scenes, or just how much support there is for our sector.

When you're running a small business, juggling rising costs, challenging bookings and endless Government interventions, it's easy to feel alone and that nobody is listening. But people are listening, and there are a lot of us working hard to make sure Welsh Government hears what's happening on the ground.

The meetings also demonstrated just how important our relationships across Welsh tourism are. **PASC UK** represents self-catering nationally, while the **WTA (Wales Tourism Alliance)** provides an umbrella voice for the whole Welsh visitor economy and crucially the regional DMOs - **Visit Pembrokeshire** and **North Wales Tourism** provide vital regional support across the wider visitor economy. We had excellent presentations from each, showcasing the work they are doing locally.

We each have our role to play, but we work hand in hand, sharing evidence and supporting each other's efforts. No single organisation can tackle everything, but together we have a very strong voice.

It was lovely to hear several non-members say they intended to join PASC UK after discovering the scale of our work and the benefits of membership. **It isn't just about having someone fighting your corner. It's also about having access to trusted advice, practical guidance and the reassurance that you're not facing these challenges alone.** That was hugely appreciated, and as you will know, we are entirely funded by our Members. More Members mean more resources to fight for our sector. Above all, it was wonderful to meet so many operators, hear your experiences and see the determination to work together despite the very real challenges facing Welsh tourism.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, to **SuperControl** and **Zeal Tax** for sponsoring the meetings and making them free to all, and to the **Welsh Revenue Authority**, **Visit Pembrokeshire** and **North Wales Tourism** and **WTA** for their valuable contributions on the day … and every day.

Thank you also to **the BBC** who joined us at Plas Menai to provide coverage of the 182 consultation and to help to share our story.

Now we need to turn that engagement into consultation responses.

We have fought hard to secure this opportunity to challenge the 182-day threshold, and we cannot afford to waste it.

If you operate self-catering accommodation in Wales, please make your voice heard.
Now a final push to get as many responses in as possible.

182 DAY CONSULTATION – GO GO GO ON SUMBITTING YOUR RESPONSES!

One key message from the Plaid Conference is that *NUMBERS MATTER* so you need to get your responses in… in droves.

Anyone can respond: owners, their family members, neighbours, friends, trades that help you run your business smoothly, local pubs, cafes, restaurants, farm shops, deli's etc that you recommend to your guests – the most important thing is that we respond, and that we respond in great numbers [last weeks news on the North Wales Visitor Levy should galvanise that!]

Our guidance notes: are there to help with the ambiguous nature of some of the questions – they are a guide – PLEASE include information and experiences from your own perspective in the free text boxes – your personal experiences are what is most helpful.

You can respond online HERE

The 182-day page on the PASC UK Website is where you will find all the most up to date documents. Here is the link HERE

There are 3 guidance documents:

- For Owners / operators
- For employees, trades and related businesses
- For stakeholders organisations / agencies.

As well as:

- "The Case for 105", setting out why we believe 105 days is the right threshold.

As always, if you have any questions, can't find what you're looking for, or need help or advice on responding, please email support@pascuk.co.uk

The deadline in 23rd October 2026 – please don't miss out on your chance to have your say on 182 in Wales – we need the outcome to be a policy that works for ALL of the sector, for ALL of Wales.

The deadline for responding to the 182 Consultation in Wales is the 23rd October, and we are running a countdown timer on the 182 page on the PASC UK website. https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

Our big ask: is that you don't just assume you may benefit from the exemptions, that would make the threshold irrelevant, and to argue for a significant, not modest, reduction in the threshold, across the whole sector and the whole of Wales. Unless the threshold comes down significantly, the pressure on pricing for the whole sector will remain artificially high due to so many operators having to discount to hit the threshold. This pricing pressure will still apply to those who may become exempted. Let's work together on this.

You can access the Guidance notes here: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

182 CONSULTATION – PASC UK CYMRU DRAFT RESPONSE FOR REVIEW

This is the most important Consultation Response that we have produced for our Members and the wider sector in Wales. Getting the 182 Threshold down has been at the top of our list since it was announced. We have spent the time since the consultation was announced checking with our Members having zoom meetings and this week two huge in person meetings in SW and NW Wales. This is the summary position of our stance that the threshold needs to work for 'all of Wales, all of the sector'.

We now collectively have a real chance to bring down that awful threshold. Today we are publishing our **DRAFT** response, it is an almost complete version of what we will be sending into the Welsh Government on the 23rd October. There is still time to comment, suggest and critique. Please send any comments to nicky@pascuk.co.uk by 21 October. Thanks.

You can find it here:
Members: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/your-membership-account/account/member-reports/
Non Members https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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On **Tuesday 27th October, at 1830**, after the Consultation deadline, we'll be holding a virtual "drinks" on Zoom for operators in Wales - come with a cup of tea, glass of wine, or a local gin and tonic - whatever your tipple of choice is, and breathe a sigh of relief that the consultation is done.

Alistair and Nicky will update those there on what PASC UK will be continuing to do while the consultation responses are reviewed, give each of those on the call a huge pat on the back for the time, effort and consideration put into their consultation responses and all come together for a

slightly lighter catch up! You can register here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dM47Nxj5Tay5mZYwffE-Wg

- 15 October - North Wales Regional Forum Meeting
- 23 October – 182 day Consultation Closes
- 24 October - Scale, Barcelona
- 29 October - Visit Pembrokeshire Awards
- 19 November - GoNorthWales Award Ceremony, Llandudno

Tourism AI workshops

- 19 October – Rhayader
- 3 November – Fishguard
- 4 November – Swansea
- 10 November – Machynlleth
- 18 November – Cardiff
- 23 November – Criccieth
- 24 November – Llangollen

Book your place now: https://industry.visitwales.com/.../ai-made-practical...

RECORDING OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Available here: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/webinars/

- 182-day consultation Update Webinar PASC UK Cymru

IN THE MEDIA

Host Planet Podcast on the 182 Consultation: Listen now:

- **Host Planet website**
- **Spotify**
- **Apple Podcasts**
- **YouTube**

SUPPORT LOBBYING BY JOINING PASC UK

There is a huge amount of work and lobbying to do to help support you all in the self-catering sector. We don't ask very often, however, if we are to fight on so many fronts, we simply need more funds. There are thousands of you that have had the benefit of this newsletter and the lobbying done on behalf of the sector.

We are now asking that as many of you as possible join PASC UK. The fight is on so many fronts, and we get much better results when we engage proper legal advice and proper PR firms to assist with campaigns. Memberships to other organisations that provide common lobbying, information feeds and support also cost many thousands of pounds a year.

Membership fees are as follows:

- Single cottage £90 plus VAT
- 2 – 4 Units £150 plus VAT

- 5 – 10 Units £235 plus VAT
- 11 + Units £335 plus VAT

Members get telephone support and priority email support.

You can join here, simple form, takes 2 mins, and you'll get an invoice, payable by BACS or Credit Card. Just click on this link to go to the joining page: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/join-pasc-uk/

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In addition, please be very wary of some of the advice given on internet communities, blogs and social media. There appear to be many of experts out there where our understanding is that there are very few. To that end, any information you get from any source should be double checked. We will always try and put the actual link to the information in the newsletters so that you can read and assess yourselves.