



# Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022

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### PART 3

#### PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM

##### *Civic licensing*

#### **30 Civic licensing: how hearings may be held**

- (1) The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1 (licensing: further provisions as to the general system), after paragraph 18A insert—

##### *“How hearings may be held*

- 18B (1) A licensing authority may determine that a hearing is to be held—
- (a) in person,
  - (b) wholly through the use of remote facilities, or
  - (c) partly in person and partly through the use of remote facilities.
- (2) When determining how a hearing is to be held, a licensing authority must take account of any views given on that issue by any person who notifies the authority of an intention to participate in the hearing.
- (3) In [sub-paragraph \(1\)](#), “remote facilities” means any equipment or facility which—
- (a) enables persons who are not in the same place to participate in the hearing, and
  - (b) enables those persons to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not it enables those persons to see and be seen by each other).”.

- (3) In schedule 2 (control of sex shops and sexual entertainment venues), after paragraph 24A insert—

*“How hearings may be held*

- 24B (1) A local authority may determine that a hearing is to be held—
- (a) in person,
  - (b) wholly through the use of remote facilities, or
  - (c) partly in person and partly through the use of remote facilities.
- (2) When determining how a hearing is to be held, a local authority must take account of any views given on that issue by any person who notifies the authority of an intention to participate in the hearing.
- (3) In [sub-paragraph \(1\)](#), “remote facilities” means any equipment or facility which—
- (a) enables persons who are not in the same place to participate in the hearing, and
  - (b) enables those persons to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not it enables those persons to see and be seen by each other).”.