

LICENSING COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at 7.30 pm at Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth.

Members of the Licensing Committee:-

Councillors:

Harry Davies (Chair) Stephen Cox Andrea Fraser Debbie Morris Ciaran Reed Raj Khiroya (Vice-Chair) Narinder Sian Andrew Scarth Anne Winter

> Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive Tuesday, 25 November 2025

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm, as being a correct record, the minutes of the Licensing Committee, held on 4 December 2024, and for them to be signed by the Chair.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. **REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2021-** (Pages 9 - 178) **2026**

The Licensing Act 2003 (as amended) ("the 2003 Act") requires that all licensing authorities should issue a Statement of Licensing Policy and keep it under review every 5 years, making revisions to it, at such times, as it considers appropriate.

The current Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026 ("the Policy") was published on 24 February 2021 and therefore expires on 24 February 2026.

Officers have reviewed the Policy and have sought to make changes. It should be noted that no legislative changes have occurred since the last review and therefore the changes identified at this stage are relatively minor and expanded upon below.

The objective is for the revised Policy to be effective from 25 February 2026 to ensure a seamless transition between the existing and new Policy.

Recommendation

That members of the Committee agree to the following:

- Note the report and revised Policy making changes if required; and
- Commence a 6-week public consultation exercise on the revised Policy; and,
- Following the expiry of the public consultation that details of the consultation responses and any amendments to the Policy following the consultation will be presented to the Licensing Committee on 4 February 2026 for agreement with formal adoption by Full Council on 24 February 2026; or,
- In the event there are no amendments or responses from the public consultation which materially impact the revised Policy as consulted on, that the Head of Regulatory Services in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee makes minor changes to the Policy, if required, and then for the revised Policy to be formally adopted by Full Council on 24 February 2026.

That public access to the report be immediate.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 179 - 180)

To note the Committee's work programme.

7. OTHER BUSINESS - If approved under item 3 above

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

"that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph X of Part I of

Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

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