

Summary of Changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy

This review introduces comprehensive updates to both the content and layout of the Licensing Policy, departing from previous years when only details were refreshed within the existing format. These changes align the policy with the latest Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and reflect evolving practices within the licensed industry.

Due to these significant revisions, a direct comparison between the current and proposed policies is not feasible. Instead, this summary outlines the primary changes, highlighting additions and removals from the existing policy to enhance clarity and functionality.

Notably, the current policy included extensive detail directly extracted from legislation and associated guidance. In the revised policy, much of this content has been relocated to appendices. This adjustment allows the authority to update these supplementary documents as needed without requiring amendments to the core policy.

The detailed changes, categorized by existing chapters, are outlined below, with cross-references to corresponding sections in the proposed policy for clarity and ease of navigation.

| Heading | Changes | Current Policy | Proposed Policy |
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| Introduction & Background | Replaced headings, similar content | Introduction p4 & Background p4 | Purpose and Scope p2 & Review of the Licensing Policy p3 |
| Flow Chart of the Application Process | Retained | Flow Chart of the Application Process p5 | Flow Chart of the Application Process p38 |
| The Policy Statement | Integrated into new chapters | The Policy Statement p6 | Purpose and Scope p2 & Review of the Licensing Policy p3 |
| Fundamental Principles | Linked via resources appendix | Fundamental Principles p7 | Integration of Licensing with other Policies p5-12 |
| Special Policies on Cumulative Impact | Detailed policies moved to appendix | Special Policies on Cumulative Impact p8 | Cumulative Impact Policy p30-31 |
| Visions of our Town Centres | Linked to Bromley Local Plan | Visions of our Town Centres p10 | Bromley Local Plan p6-7 |

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| Premises Licences and Club Certificates | Brief description included | Premises Licences and Club Certificates p11 | Purpose and Scope p2 |
| Applications | Revised and renamed | Applications p11 | Applying for a Licence or Certificate p14-18 |
| Variations (Minor and Full) | Policy statement revised | Variations (Minor and Full) | Applying for a Licence or Certificate p14 |
| Fees & Charges | Not addressed | Fees & Charges | Not addressed |
| Licence Conditions | Moved to appendices | Licence Conditions | Appendices |
| Temporary Event Notices (TENs) | Revised content | Temporary Event Notices (TENs) p18 | Temporary Event Notices p32 |
| Consultation | Revised heading | Consultation p19 | Consultation on Licence Applications p14-15 |
| Making Representations about an Application | Revised content | Making Representations about an Application p20 | Applying for a Licence or Certificate p15 |
| Relevant Considerations Under the Licensing Objectives | Revised content | Relevant Considerations Under the Licensing Objectives p21 | Licensing Objectives p13 & Information for Applicants p19-29 |
| Areas Identified for Special Consideration | Revised content | Areas Identified for Special Consideration p29 | Information for Applicants p22 |
| Licensing Hours | No policy statement | Licensing Hours p30 | Not included |
| Garages and motorway service areas | No policy statement | Garages and motorway service areas p31 | Not included |
| Entertainment Involving Striptease or Nudity | Revised content | Entertainment Involving Striptease or Nudity p31 | Sexual Entertainment p26 |

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| Personal Licences | Revised content | Personal Licences p33 | Personal Licences p33 |
| Criminal Records | Included | Criminal Records p33 | Personal Licences p33 |
| Integrating Strategies and avoiding Duplication | Revised content | Integrating Strategies and avoiding Duplication p34 | Integration of Licensing with Other Policies p5-12 |
| Alcohol and Public Health | Revised content | Alcohol and Public Health p34 | Public Health p8 |
| Cultural Strategy, Racial Equality, People with Disabilities | Revised content | Cultural Strategy p38, Racial Equality p38, People with Disabilities p38 | The Equality Act 2010 p12 |
| Censorship | Revised content | Censorship p38 | Film Classification p24 |
| Enforcement | Revised content | Enforcement p39 | Enforcement p34-36 |
| Appeals against Licensing Subcommittee decisions | Revised content | Appeals against Licensing Subcommittee decisions p40 | Enforcement p35 |
| Administration, Exercise and Delegation of Functions & Delegation of Functions Table | Moved to appendix | Administration, Exercise and Delegation of Functions & Delegation of Functions Table p41 & 42 | Appendix E |
| The role of ward councillors | Revised content | The role of ward councillors p43 | Enforcement p35 |
| Local Context | New section | Not applicable | Local Context p4 |
| Local Plan | New section | Not applicable | Local Plan p6 |
| Drugs | New section | Not applicable | Drugs p8 |
| Spiking | New section | Not applicable | Spiking p9 |

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| Agent of Change | New section | Not applicable | Agent of Change p23 |
| Film Classification | New section | Not applicable | Film Classification p24 |

