



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 22 January 2026

Statement of Licensing Policy 2026-2031

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Licensing Committee – 13 January 2026 Full Council – 22 January 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision:

Licensing Committee recommends that Full Council:

- 1.1 Approves and adopts the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, at Appendix A, to be implemented on 26 January 2026.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The statutory five yearly review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, made under the Licensing Act 2003, has been completed following a public consultation an amended policy produced by officers.
- 2.2 Having considered the draft policy, Licensing Committee recommends adoption of the policy by Full Council.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act'), Telford & Wrekin Council, (the Licensing Authority) must publish a statement of its licensing policy every five years. In carrying out its functions under the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Authority will have regard to its policy and to Home Office Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 when considering its responsibilities under the Act.
- 3.2 The policy also sets out the expectations of the Licensing Authority on the ways that the Licensing Authority and licensed premises can work together with other partners to improve the licensing economy of the Borough, both during the day and night.
- 3.3 This version, if approved, will remain in force until 2031, when it will be subject to review and further consultation as laid down by the legislation, unless a further review or consultation is required in the interim.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 A six week public consultation of the revised draft policy closed on 5 December. All responsible authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 were consulted. The revised policy includes changes suggested by participants during the consultation.
- 4.2 At its meeting on 13 January 2026, Licensing Committee determined the to recommend Full Council approve and adopt the revised policy, allowing it to come into effect on 26 January 2026.

5.0 Alternative Options

It is a legal requirement placed upon the authority to publish a statement of its licensing policy every five years. Were the Council not to agree a revised statement of licensing policy, the Council would be in breach of its statutory obligations.

6.0 Key Risks

- 6.1 There are no key risks associated with this decision.

7.0 Council Priorities

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report, support the following Council policies:
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy; and
 - All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

- 9.1 The Licensing Authority is required to act in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State, and Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, in its determination of applications
- 9.2 Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that a Licensing Authority must determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy every five years. The revised Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared in accordance with the revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003.

10.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

- 10.1 None arising from this report; however, Public Health and other relevant bodies or individuals have had the opportunity to provide comments and information as part of the consultation process. Those very useful comments have been fed into the revised draft which Members are now asked to consider.

11.0 Economic Benefits

- 11.1 There are potential economic benefits to the changes outlined within this report which potentially may create more jobs and employment within the Borough.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 12.1 There are no direct equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report although many of the inclusions within the draft statement of licensing policy will ensure that all licence holders conduct themselves in full accordance with equality legislation.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

- 13.1 Not applicable for the purposes of this report

14.0 Background Papers

- 1 Licensing Act 2003
- 2 Revised Guidance issued under S.182 of the Licensing Act 2003

15.0 Appendices

- A Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2026-2031

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	14/01/2026	14/02/2026	SH