Telford & Wrekin Co-operative Council

Protect, care and invest to create a better borough

Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday 30 November 2026

Review of High Street Off Licence Premises Licence

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Nathan England - Cabinet Member for Safer Streets and Better Housing
Lead Director:	Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance
Service Area:	Policy & Governance
Report Author:	Tayyibah Daud - Licensing Technical Officer
Officer Contact Details:	Tel: 01952 381818 Email:Tayyibah.Daud@telford.gov.uk
Wards Affected:	Arleston and College
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Licensing Sub-Committee – 30 November 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

The Committee is asked to:-

1.1 Consider an application for a review of a Premises Licence.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To submit for consideration by the Licensing Sub-Committee an application for a review of a premises licence.

3.0 Background

3.1 The premises licence was originally granted on 23 June 2011. On 16 July 2019, the licence was transferred to Mr Ismail Osman Iliyaz, who also became the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) on the same date. The current premises licence, including its conditions, is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 The premises licence records the premises name as Austin News. However, the premises is currently and has been for some time trading as High Street Off Licence. This is the name used throughout the review application and this report. The premises licence has not been amended to reflect the change of trading name.

3.3 The review application was made by Trading Standards - Telford and Wrekin Council on 7 October 2026 and is detailed below.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

Review Application

4.1 An application was received from Trading Standards, as a Responsible Authority, on 7th October 2026 for a review of a premises licence in respect of High Street Off Licence, 45A High Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1JW

4.2 The premises location is Arleston and College. A location map is attached at Appendix 2.

4.3 A copy of the review application and supporting documents is attached at Appendix 3.

4.4 The review has been brought in support of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives.

4.5 The notice of review has been properly served on all Responsible Authorities. The Council has complied with the legislative process and displayed the appropriate notice at the premises and on the website as required.

4.6 Any Responsible Authority and/or Other Person may make representations about an application.

4.7 Representations have been received from West Mercia Police. This representation can be found at Appendix 4.

4.8 Representations have been received from Night Time Economy on behalf of the Licensing Authority. This representation can be found at Appendix 5.

4.9 Home Office Enforcement and the Local Planning Authority have confirmed that they do not wish to make a representation. These responses can be found at Appendix 6 and 7.

4.10 No representations have been received from Other Persons.

4.11 The applicant for review, the premises licence holder, and those who have made a relevant representation have all been invited to attend the hearing.

Grounds for Review as stated in the application:

4.12 Since 2016, the premises has been associated with the sale of illicit cigarettes and tobacco. Despite apparent changes in ownership, the evidence demonstrates a persistent pattern of non-compliance.The seizure of illicit tobacco products in March 2026 and the subsequent successful test purchases provide strong evidence that the premises continues to operate in a manner that undermines the licensing objectives..

4.13 Full details of the investigations, test purchases and evidence gathered are contained within the review application.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The legal options open to the Committee are set out at paragraphs 9.3 and 9.4 of this report.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 There is always the risk of challenge and right to appeal. However, such appeal and challenge is mitigated through robust process and compliance with necessary legislation.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 This report supports the following council priorities:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy
- A community-focussed innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Compliance with statutory duties as part of the licensing function is delivered within existing budgets.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended, states that a responsible authority or any other person may apply to the relevant Licensing Authority for a review of a licence.

9.2 When determining any such review, the Committee must consider the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003. They are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public Safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

9.3 The Licensing Sub-Committee when determining an application for review, pursuant to Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003, has power to take any of the following steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the "licensing objectives."

(a) Modify the conditions of the licence;
(b) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
(c) Remove the designated premises supervisor
(d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months and/or
(e) Revoke the licence.

9.4 The committee may also decide to issue an information warning or take no action.

9.5 Any action taken by the Licensing Sub Committee must be an appropriate and proportionate response and legal advice will be provided during the review hearing where appropriate.

9.6 The Committee is also asked to note that any conditions added to the licence should be fair, transparent, consistent, enforceable, proportionate and targeted, in accordance with the the 2003 Act and Local Better Regulation Office principles of better regulation.

9.7 Revocation or suspension may engage Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of possessions), requiring any interference to be lawful, proportionate and subject to fair balance, and Article 6 confers the right to a fair hearing.

9.8 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 This report has an impact on both residents and businesses. The purpose of a review is to moderate behaviour to ensure that that businesses operate lawfully.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no health, social or economic implications associated with the content of this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no equalities implications associated with the content of this report.

12.2 The contents of this report is not considered to have a direct impact on the Armed Forces Duty or town and parish councils.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

13.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no climate change or environmental implications associated with the content of this report.

14.0 Background Papers

1 Licensing Act 2003
2 Guidance issued by Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
3 The Statement of Licensing Policy for Borough of Telford and Wrekin.

15.0 Appendices

1 Premises Licence
2 Location Map
3 Review Application
4 West Mercia Police Representation
5 Night Time Economy Representation
6 Home Office Enforcement Response
7 Planning Authority Response

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	16/11/2026	20/11/2026	EH
Finance	16/11/2026	16/11/2026	MLB