

Area Board Briefing Note Draft Licensing Policy 2024-2029 consultation

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Wiltshire Council Draft Licensing Consultation

Background

As the Licensing Authority, Wiltshire Council is required, under the Licensing Act 2003, to promote four objectives, namely:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

The licensing policy sets out how the council would normally apply its functions under the Licensing Act 2003, particularly when making decisions on relevant applications for premises licences, club premises certificates and temporary event notices.

The council's current Statement of Licensing Policy came into effect on 10 November 2019 and will cease to have effect on 9 November 2024, and so the council must be in a position to formally adopt a revised policy from November this year. To satisfy the specific legal requirements set down in the Licensing Act, the council is required to carry out a consultation process on the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy.

At its meeting on 4 March 2024, the Licensing Committee agreed that a consultation on the Draft Licensing Committee can commence. The committee report can be found at [Licensing Committee Report March 24.pdf \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Consultation

The policy must be consulted on with a range of specific stakeholders listed in the Home Office Guidance. This includes licence holders, police, fire and rescue, businesses and residents of the area. The consultation is now open and will run for six weeks with results collected online to make it easier to make comments and

analyse results The consultation can be found at [Draft Licensing Policy 2024-29 consultation \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#). Paper copies are also available in Wiltshire Council libraries. You are encouraged to share information on the consultation with anyone in your communities you feel would want to participate. The draft licensing policy can be found at [Statement-of-licensing-policy-Draft 2024-2029.pdf \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#).

Next steps

Following the conclusion of the consultation the results will be analysed and the results will be reported back to the Licensing Committee at their meeting in June.

More information

If you would like more information on the consultation or process, please email claire.francis@wiltshire.gov.uk