



Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Committee held on Thursday 29 January 2026 at 6.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:

- Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
- Councillor Jane Salmon
- Councillor Barrie Hargrove
- Councillor Sunny Lambe
- Councillor Margy Newens
- Councillor Andy Simmons
- Councillor Charlie Smith
- Councillor David Watson
- Councillor Kath Whittam

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:**

1. APOLOGIES FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Suzanne Abachor.

1. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

Those members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT
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There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003: REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2026 TO 2031 FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

The Business Unit Manager Neighbourhood Nuisance introduced the report.

There was a discussion and members had questions for the officers.

Members raised some issues regarding the formatting of the documentation, which the Business Unit Manager Neighbourhood Nuisance advised they would amend.

RESOLVED:

That the licensing committee:

- a) Considered and approved the Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2026-2031, provided at Appendix A (subject to the formatting issues raised by members)
- b) Recommended that Council Assembly agree to the publication of the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy for 2026-2031 (Appendix A).

7. LICENSING ACT 2003: REVIEW OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREAS IN SOUTHWARK. FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

The Business Unit Manager Neighbourhood Nuisance introduced the report.

There was a discussion and members had questions for the officers.

Members also had questions for the data analyst.

Members raised issues in relation to the data sets used to determine cumulative impact areas.

RESOLVED:

That the licensing sub-committee agreed to defer this item to a future meeting, following further consultation between officers and the chair.

8. LICENSING ACT 2003: REVIEW OF THE LATE-NIGHT LEVY FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

The Head of Service for Regulatory Services introduced the report.

There was a discussion and members had questions for the officers.

Members requested that the Head of Service for Regulatory Services ask the Leader of the Council to raise the matter of centralising licensing policing in London with the Metropolitan Police Service.

RESOLVED:

1. That the licensing committee reviewed Southwark's late night levy and determined that the levy shall be maintained as it is.
2. That the licensing committee agreed a 30/70 levy split between the council and police and that a meeting shall be convened to consider how the council's 30% portion of the revenue shall be spent from 1 April 2026.

9. UPDATE ON RECENT APPEALS AND PROSECUTIONS FIELD_PAGE_RANGE

The senior legal officer updated the committee on current appeals and prosecution cases.

RESOLVED:

That the update on current appeals and prosecution cases be noted.

Meeting ended at 8.57 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

[CABINET ONLY]

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, [DATE].

THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.