Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 6.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT:
Councillor Jane Salmon (Chair)
Councillor Kath Whittam (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ruth Bannister
Councillor Sabina Emmanuel
Councillor Callum Fowler
Councillor George Grime
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Andy Higson
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Patrickson Amechi Obanya
Councillor Rachael Penny
Councillor Lina Usma
Councillor Bill Williams

OFFICER SUPPORT:
Debra Allday, Senior Legal Officer
Anthony Lewis, Interim Director of Community Safety and Integrated Enforcement
Anju Sidhu, Head of Service for Regulatory Services
Bina Patel, Business Unit Manager Neighbourhood Nuisance
Kevin Amoah, Data Analyst
Andrew Weir, Constitutional Officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor George Grime advised that he was involved in the management of Falcon Point and that Falcon Point supported the Borough and Bankside cumulative impact area.

5. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003 - REVIEW OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREAS IN SOUTHWARK

The Business Unit Manager Neighbourhood Nuisance introduced the report, supported by the data analyst.

There was a discussion and members had questions officers.

Members raised some issues regarding the content of the report.

The meeting adjourned for a comfort break at 7.12pm. The meeting reconvened at 7.34pm.

During the comfort break officers reviewed the data in the report in response to questions raised by the members.

Members had further questions for the officers about the content of the report.

Councillor Sunny Lambe proposed that officers could update the report in response to the questions raised by members and circulate an updated report in two weeks time.

Councillor Renata Hamvas proposed a resolution that all current cumulative impact areas (CIAs) be retained and that Elephant and Castle be designated a cumulative impact area. The CIAs would then be reviewed next year. Councillor Newens suggested that the monitoring areas should be maintained, which Councillor Hamvas added to her resolution.

This was seconded by Councillor Kath Whittam and put to the vote. The members unanimously agreed to this resolution.

A summary detailing the feedback raised by members will be put together by the clerk for officers to note and action.

RESOLVED:

a) That the committee considered the review of the current cumulative impact areas (CIAs) within the borough following an assessment of the data for the current zones and monitoring areas, which is attached to this report and referenced as Appendix A, in line with Section 5A of the Licensing Act 2003.

b) That the committee determined the status of the CIAs, so as to:

i. **Retain** Borough & Bankside and Peckham as CIA.

ii. **Designate** Elephant & Castle as a new CIA, reflecting its escalating risk profile and concentration of alcohol-related harm.

iii. **Retain Camberwell** from CIA status, as the area demonstrates significant improvements and now present lower risk profiles. Old Kent Road and Walworth show mixed results; indicators suggest that lighter-touch interventions may be more appropriate.

iv. **Retain** all **monitoring** areas.

v. That the cumulative impact areas shall then be reviewed one year after implementation.

c) That the committee noted the arrangements for the public consultation on the CIAs as set out in paragraph 44.

d) That the committee noted that the guidance sets out the relevant information which licensing authorities may be able to draw upon to evidence the cumulative impact of licensed premises on the promotion of the licensing objectives which may include:

i. Local crime and disorder statistics, including statistics on specific types of crime and crime hotspots.
ii. Statistics on local anti-social behaviour offences.
iii. Health-related statistics such as alcohol related emergency attendances and hospital admissions.
iv. Environmental Health complaints, particularly in relation to noise and litter.
v. Complaints recorded by the Local Authority, which may include complaints raised by residents or residents' associations.
vi. Evidence from local councillors.

vii. Evidence obtained through local consultation.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 21 October 2026.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: