

Amendments to the Licensing Policy for 2024: Summary

The policy has been discussed by Licencing Officers and other attendees to the NALG. The wording has been drafted to enable a consistent regional view of policy.

Changes log	Context and reason	comment
Pages numbering and some indexing changed throughout	Necessary due to changes	
Para 4.2 -4.9 amended; These paragraphs relate to the Public Health as a statutory consultee and their role. The PH has requested a specific wording to be inserted. See consultee response.	Requested by PH to support them and other statutory consultees in certain areas of the Borough.	See supporting statement. Decisions needs to be made around the wording of Paragraph 4.8.
5.3-5.4	Defines responsible authority more clearly. Inserts 5.3 rennumbers existing to 5.4	
6.2 insertion	Relates to substantial variation. In certain circumstances a new application is required	Confirms this requirement of substantial variation. See para 8.77 of section 182
6.4	Includes reference to online forms being implement in 2023/2024 by RBC	New applications route available in 2023/24
6.13	Includes reference to a health matrix developed by PH to help inform licensing decisions.	
Subsequent paragraphs are renumbered due to insertions/deletions		
6.16-6.19	Includes the 'Entitlement to work in the UK' into the policy	Legal requirements now exist which should be referenced in the policy
7.2	Insert reference to Community Protection Notices as a mechanism for ASB	A common legal option missing from the previous policy

7.12-7.13	Updates around drugs and spiking of drinks	In response to recent concerns in particular around spiking of drinks.
7.20	Rewording to existing para 6.33 in relation of 'pool of conditions' These are not on the council's website.	The conditions are for reference and consistency where appropriate. But if a condition is to be applied it should be specific to the site not implied by publication that it/they will be limited to the list.
7.26	New requirements with regards to counter terrorism.	New legal duty to consider in certain circumstances. Government policy is still developing.
7.27-7.28 Existing 6.39 Narrative on Cumulative impact removed	The council does not have a cumulative impact area. The wording is simplified as a result.	
7.31 minor amend	Minor amend to references PSPO's	
7.32-34 Closure Notices	Inclusion of powers of closure notices in specific circumstances	
Existing 6.44 Policy 3 Rebuttable presumption removed in a saturation zone.	This has been removed from the section 182 guidance	as such is recommended to remove
Existing Policy 4 regarding Cumulative impact removed	The council does not have a cumulative impact area or policy.	
7.45 & 7.48 Title change and reference to Expedited reviews	To reference 'expedited reviews'	
7.52 inclusion of Alcohol delivery services	Specific controls over these services now included	To address areas of possible underage access to alcohol via delivery service

7.53- 7.55 Pavement licences	These are now with Licensing Authorities and are therefore required to be included in the policy	
Renumbering of existing policies due to deletion	No changes to wording	
Chapter 8 retitled	To Safeguarding and Children	
8.5-8.7 safeguarding in relation to Women and Girls	Response to specific behaviours in pubs/clubs	
Renumbering of policy due to deletion	No changes to wording	