



STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

LICENSING ACT 2003

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**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
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SECTION 5**

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A licensing policy as determined by the Council in respect of its licensing functions for the five year period commencing 7 February 2024 is set out in this statement of licensing policy. During the five year period the policy will be kept under review and the Council will make such revisions to it, at such times, as it considers appropriate. Further licensing statements will be published every five years hereafter.

The policy was reviewed and adopted by full Council on 17 January 2024.

In this statement “the Council” means Winchester City Council. The City Council is the Licensing Authority for the purposes of the Act and the associated Guidance and Regulations. Accordingly, unless otherwise stated, references to “the Council” are references to the Licensing Authority.

PART 1: BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Winchester District is situated in the County of Hampshire and has a large number of licensed premises and events for which licences are required. These provide leisure and entertainment opportunities for residents and visitors which are an essential part of vibrant and active communities. They contribute to the local economy and provide significant employment. The purpose of this policy is to strike a balance between obtaining all the benefits provided by licensed premises and events and ensuring that their less welcome impact is properly controlled and balanced against other community interests.
- 1.2 There are approximately 540 licensed premises in the District where alcohol is sold, hot food or drink provision or entertainment is provided on a regular or occasional basis. These premises include:
- public houses and nightclubs
 - off licences (including supermarkets selling alcohol)
 - businesses offering hot food between 2300 and 0500
 - hotels, guest houses, restaurants and other places that sell alcohol
 - private members clubs and social clubs
 - theatres and venues for amateur dramatic groups
 - cinemas
 - premises where indoor sporting events take place
 - Village Halls, community premises and schools
 - Outdoor events and festivals
 - Wholesalers/online sales of alcohol

The main concentration of licensed premises is in Winchester City Centre. Since the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003, many premises extended their opening hours, generally seeking hours up to Midnight (rather than 2300, the usual end of permitted hours under the Licensing Act 1964). Some premises which already had terminal hours of midnight or later, extended those hours to 0100, 0200, and 0300.

Other Legislation

- 1.3 As well as being the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, Winchester City Council is responsible for a number of other statutory functions which are interrelated to the licensing function. These include its role as a local planning authority determining planning applications, the environmental health function, and the building control service which is provided.
- 1.4 Prior to submitting an application to the Licensing Authority the Applicant should ensure that there is appropriate current Planning Permission for the hours and activities for which application is being made.
- 1.5 The South Downs National Park Authority ("SDNPA") is the **sole** planning authority for "premises" within the South Downs National Park ("SDNP"). The purposes of the SDNP are:
 - Purpose 1 - 'To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area'.
 - Purpose 2 - 'To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public'.
 - The SDNPA also has a duty 'To seek to foster the social and economic well-being of the local communities within the National Park in pursuit of our purposes'.

Where there is a conflict between the purposes and/or duty then Purpose 1 must have priority.

- 1.6 Applicants are encouraged to make contact with the SDNPA at the earliest opportunity where their premises are within the SDNP area **and to consider any guidance issued by the SDNPA** to further promote the licensing objectives. Guidance can be found on the SDNPA website at www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-applications/do-i-need-planning-permission/guidance-organisers-large-festivals-events/.
- 1.7 The licensing objectives collectively seek to protect the quality of life for those who live and work in the vicinity of licensed premises and those who choose to socialise in them. The licensing authority will seek to further the SDNP purposes when considering applications to ensure they are respected, as set out in section 11A(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as amended by Section 245 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023).
- 1.8 The Council recognises that there should be a clear separation of the planning and licensing systems and licensing applications will be viewed independently of planning applications. To achieve this, close liaison will be

maintained between the licensing section, planning department and, where applicable, the South Downs National Park authority. Licensing applications are not a re-run of the planning application and should not cut across planning decisions (whether these are taken by planning officers under delegated powers, the Planning Committee, SDNPA or an inspector following an appeal against the decision of the Planning Authority). The Licensing and Regulation Committee, where appropriate, will provide reports to the Planning Committee on the situation regarding licensed premises in the area including the general impact of alcohol-related crime and disorder.

- 1.9 The Council has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. In addition, it is a member of the Community Safety Partnership, which will also have a key role in the review of this Licensing Policy and the successful operation of the licensing system.
- 1.10 The Council has adopted the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, with effect from 20 December 2010. Adult entertainment such as striptease and lap dancing which falls within the definition of “Relevant Entertainment” will therefore be controlled under these provisions (and any adopted policy for such provision), rather than the Licensing Act 2003. However, in certain cases, where such entertainment is carried out infrequently, it will continue to be regulated under the Licensing Act 2003 and the provisions of this Policy will therefore apply to such regulated entertainment. In any event, premises providing Relevant Entertainment will need to consider whether a Premises Licence is required for the provision of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment.
- 1.11 Furthermore, premises must comply with all other relevant legislation, e.g.
- Food Safety Act 1990 (Food Hygiene)
 - Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (and associated Regulations))
 - Equality Act 2010
 - The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- 1.12 The Council will seek to avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes as far as possible. However, if other regulations do not cover the unique circumstances that arise in connection with, for example, entertainment at specified premises, then additional controls will be imposed.
- 1.13 Winchester District is an attractive area, with historic towns and villages, as well as beautiful countryside, part of which is covered by the South Downs National Park. It attracts visitors from around the world, as well as students who choose to study at the City’s academic institutions. Many commute into the District to work each day, whilst a large proportion of residents commute to London and the surrounding areas.
- 1.14 The City Council wishes to ensure that the District continues to be a prosperous and attractive place in which to live or work, or to visit. It recognises that the provision of licensable activities can have adverse

impacts, such as crime and disorder, and public nuisance. The Licensing Policy, and the administration of licensing under the Licensing Act, will play a key role in ensuring that an appropriate balance is drawn between the interests of those people wishing to provide and enjoy licensable activities and those who might be affected by such provision and enjoyment.

PART 2: INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Winchester City Council ("the Council") is the Licensing Authority pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") and is responsible for considering all applications for licensable activities, as defined in Section 1 of the Act. The purpose of licensing is to regulate the carrying on of licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events. Licensable activities, identified by the Act, include:
- Retail sale of alcohol
 - Supply of hot food or drink from premises between 2300 and 0500 hours
 - Supply of alcohol to club members
 - Provision of entertainment listed below (known as "regulated entertainment") to the public or club members or with a view to profit:
 - Film exhibitions
 - Performances of a play
 - Indoor sporting events
 - Boxing or wrestling entertainment
 - Live music performances
 - Playing of recorded music
 - Dance performances
- 2.2 Paragraph 1.2 provides examples (not exhaustive list) of the types of premises licensed. Applicants should refer to the Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 or contact the Licensing Authority to clarify if a licence is required. The Guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>.
- 2.3 There are a number of exceptions and details of these are set out in Sections 173 to 175 of the Act.
- 2.4 This Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act.
- 2.5 The Policy will be kept under review and where any amendments are considered necessary these will only be made after consultation has taken place in accordance with Section 5(3) of the Act. Proper weight shall be given to the views of all those consulted. Those to be consulted will include:
- The Chief Officer of Police for Hampshire
 - The Chief Officer of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
 - Bodies representing local holders of premises licences
 - Bodies representing local holders of club premises certificates

- Bodies representing local holders of personal licences
- Bodies representing businesses and residents in the Council's area
- The relevant Area Child Protection Teams
- Primary Care Trust or Health Board
- Any other bodies the Council deems appropriate

2.6 The Council recognises that the best means of promoting the licensing objectives (see 2.8 below) is through the co-operation and partnership of local authorities, the Police, local business, performers, local people and those involved in child protection. The local Community Safety Partnership will be used as part of this partnership approach.

2.7 The Council believes that good liaison with operators of licensed premises can assist the promotion of the licensing objectives, by encouraging operators to adopt good practice (such as holding regular meetings with local residents). It will work with existing local groups of operators (where these exist) and will encourage the formation of new groups where appropriate.

2.8 The Council will always take the Licensing Policy into account in its decision making, but it may depart from the Policy in appropriate circumstances. Similarly, the Council will have regard to the Secretary of State's Guidance issued under the Licensing Act, but may depart from this Guidance if it is considered appropriate. Where this occurs, reasons will be given as part of the decision.

Licensing Objectives

2.9 When dealing with licensing matters the Council will promote and have regard to the four licensing objectives set out in the Act. These are:

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

2.10 The Council's primary focus is the direct impact of activities taking place at licensed premises on members of the public who are living, working or engaged in normal activity in the vicinity of the premises/place concerned. It will consider any demonstrable link between particular licensed premises and reported problems of nuisance and anti-social behaviour, although the Council recognises that licensing law is not the primary mechanism for the general control of anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are away from that premises/place and, therefore, beyond the direct control of the individual, business or club holding the licence or certificate concerned. However, as the Government's Guidance notes, the Policy is a key aspect of such control, and licensing laws will always be part of a holistic approach to the management of the evening and night-time economy in the City Centre.

- 2.11 Accordingly, any conditions attached to the licence/certificate will centre on the premises and places being used for licensable activities and the vicinity of those premises and places. Whether or not an instance can be regarded as being in the vicinity of licensed premises or places is a question of fact and will depend on the particular circumstances of the case.
- 2.12 The availability of Police resources to deal with crime and disorder problems arising from the operation of licensed premises will be taken into account when considering applications.

Integration of Strategies

- 2.13 As indicated in Section 1 of this Policy, the Council has clear objectives to promote tourism, the cultural diversity of the District and local employment; the Council recognises that licensed premises provide a valuable contribution to these objectives.
- 2.14 The Council will ensure at all times that it takes into account the views of relevant stakeholders and that there is proper integration between the Licensing Policy and other Council Strategies, where appropriate.

Integration will be achieved by a variety of methods, including consultation and input into the various strategies by relevant Portfolio Holders and officers, liaison with major partners and reports to relevant committees and other bodies.

- 2.15 The Council will work closely with other agencies or responsible authorities on issues of enforcement. Where appropriate, neighbouring authorities and Town and Parish councils will also be consulted.
- 2.16 In deciding applications, the Council will always take into account relevant representations from local residents and businesses and responsible authorities. It will also take into consideration the following (insofar as they are relevant to the licensing objectives):
- The requirements of the local tourist economy;
 - The cultural strategy for the District, and the Council's wish to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre to the wider cultural benefit of its community and visitors;
 - The employment situation in the District and the need for investment and employment where appropriate.
- 2.17 There are many stakeholders in the leisure industry. Many are involved, directly or indirectly, in the promotion of the licensing objectives, particularly those relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.
- 2.18 Conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates will, so far as possible, reflect the Community Safety Strategy and local crime prevention strategies.

Cumulative Effect of a number of Licensed Premises in one area

2.19 This Council does not have a Special Saturation Policy.

Other Controls on Anti-social Behaviour

2.20 Other mechanisms exist to control the anti-social behaviour of a minority of consumers who behave badly and unlawfully after leaving licensed premises etc. These controls include:

Planning controls

- Positive measures to create a safe and clean town centre environment in partnership with local businesses, transport operators and other departments of the local authority
- Power of local authorities to designate parts of the local authority area as being places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly (see below)
- Police enforcement of normal law concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour including the issuing of fixed penalty notices and anti-social behaviour orders
- The prosecution of any personal licence holder or member of staff at such premises who is selling alcohol to people who are drunk
- The confiscation of alcohol from adults and children in designated areas
- Police powers to close down instantly for up to 24 hours any licensed premises or temporary events on grounds of disorder, the likelihood of disorder or excessive noise emanating from the premises
- The power of the Police and other responsible authorities or a local resident or business to seek a review of the licence or certificate in question

Drinking on the Streets

2.21 The Council has introduced a Public Space Protection Order (known as the Alcohol Control Zone) under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policy Act 2014 to control the drinking of alcohol in the streets and other public areas within the Winchester Town (including Oliver's Battery, Badger Farm, and Harestock, as well as the six town wards).

2.22 Following a successful application for a review of a licence, the Council may decide to investigate whether an Order under the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2001 should be made to control the drinking of alcohol in public spaces in the area surrounding the premises concerned.

Licensing Hours

- 2.23 With regard to licensing hours, consideration will be given to the individual merits of an application. The Guidance issued under the Licensing Act 2003 indicates that the Government's view is that in some circumstances, flexible licensing hours relating to the sale of alcohol are important to ensure that the potential for concentrations of customers leaving premises simultaneously is reduced and a slower dispersal of people from premises is achieved. It is hoped that this approach will also result in a reduction in "binge drinking" at the end of an evening. This is necessary to reduce friction at late night food outlets, taxi ranks and other sources of transport which can lead to problems of disorder and disturbance.
- 2.24 The Council recognises the concerns which residents and businesses may have about extended opening hours, and the fear that these may have an adverse impact on crime and disorder, and public nuisance (two of the licensing objectives). Although these concerns may arise anywhere in the District, they are most likely to be found in the urban areas, particularly central Winchester. These problems may (amongst other things) impact on the police and other agencies, as well as local residents. The Council accepts that such concerns are legitimate issues to be considered as part of the licensing process. Therefore, the Council will seek to ensure that where longer opening hours are sought by applicants, or where applicants seek to open new licensed premises, the potential detrimental effects are properly considered and addressed by applicants in their operating schedules. Accordingly, where applications are submitted to extend the hours of opening of premises, and in the case of new premises seeking to open between 23.00 and 08.00, applicants will be expected to either demonstrate that these hours of operation will have no adverse effect on the achievement of the licensing objectives, or set out the steps which they propose to take to secure these objectives.
- 2.25 In accordance with the Government's Guidance, this Licensing Policy makes it clear that in areas of denser residential accommodation, stricter conditions relating to noise control will be imposed.

Standardised Conditions

- 2.26 The Council will impose conditions to reflect applicants' operating schedules in all cases. Where a hearing is held following relevant representations, and the Council believes it to be appropriate and necessary, in order to promote any of the licensing objectives, it will consider attaching further conditions to licences. Conditions attached to licences will, as far as possible, be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and licensable activities concerned. Disproportionate and over burdensome conditions on premises will not be imposed. Standardised conditions will be avoided, where possible. Any conditions which are imposed will be tailored to the specific premises and the specific application (see further Home Office Guidance Section 10).

Live Music, Dancing and Theatre

- 2.27 The Council recognises that as part of implementing any cultural strategy as may from time to time apply, proper account will need to be taken to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefit of the community. Conditions to be imposed on relevant licences will not discourage the promotion of such entertainment but will relate solely to the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2.28 The Live Music Act 2012 and Deregulation Act 2015 exempts certain licensing activities between 0800 to 2300, depending on the premises. Whilst exempt activities are taking place, the premises licence holder is still required to ensure that they do not create a nuisance. Premises could be subject to enforcement action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 should they fail to prevent or control unacceptable nuisance. In some cases, this may also lead to a Review of the Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate.

Enforcement

- 2.29 The Council established protocols with the local Police on enforcement issues. This will enable the more efficient deployment of local authority staff and Police Officers who are commonly engaged in enforcing licensing law and the inspection of licensed premises. The aim of the protocol is to target agreed problem and high risk premises which require greater attention while providing a lighter touch in respect of low risk premises which are well run.

Closure

- 2.30 The Police may seek a court order to:-
- (a) close down for up to 24 hours premises in a geographical area that is experiencing or likely to experience disorder;
 - (b) close down instantly for up to 24 hours individual licensed premises that are disorderly, likely to become disorderly or are causing nuisance as a result of noise from the premises.

Following information from the Police regarding such closures the Council will usually hold a Review Hearing, as described below.

Objections/Review Hearings

- 2.31 A responsible authority or any other person may make representations to the Council as Licensing Authority on any application for grant, variation or for the review of a Premises Licence.

The Council expects that such representations should be made in writing.

In the absence of relevant representations applications **must** be granted subject only to any applicable mandatory conditions and such conditions which are consistent with the applicant's Operating Schedule.

- 2.32 The Council can only review a licence where it is alleged that the licensing objectives are not being met. The Council will hold a review hearing to consider the merits of an application or licence where the representation is considered relevant. In order to be relevant it must relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. Review hearings will be heard by a Sub-Committee of three City Councillors. Applicants, and any other person making a representation, will be informed of the hearing and invited to attend such hearings to present their arguments.
- 2.33 The Council will however make every effort to consult with the applicant and any other person making a representation to resolve any issues as appropriate.
- 2.34 Where the Council finds that a representation is not relevant, or is frivolous or vexatious, the person making the representation may challenge this finding by way of a judicial review in the Courts.
- 2.35 Following a Review Hearing the Council may:-
- (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 three months); or
 - (e) revoke the licence

Offences

- 2.36 The Act sets out a number of offences, proceedings for which may be instigated by the following:-
- (a) The Council (as Licensing Authority)
 - (b) The Director of Public Prosecutions
 - (c) In the case of an offence under section 146 or 147 (sale of alcohol to children), by Hampshire County Council (the local weights and measures authority).

Any action instigated by the Council will be carried out in accordance with any relevant enforcement policies for the time being in force.

Appeals

- 2.37 Within the Licensing Act 2003 there is provision for appeals in connection with decisions made by the Council for aggrieved parties (including as appropriate, the applicant, the Police, responsible authorities and any person who made relevant representations). An appeal has to be made to the Magistrates Court.
- 2.38 The rights of appeal and reasons for the decision(s) taken by the Council will be provided to all parties concerned with any Licensing decision which might give rise to such an appeal under the terms of the Act. Any reasons given will address the extent to which the decision was made with regard to the Council's statement of licensing policy, statutory guidance, regulations and the Act itself.

- 2.39 The Council reserves the right to make comprehensive records of any hearing held in connection with its licensing functions under the Act. This extends to the recording of hearings.

Equal opportunities & Race Equality

- 2.40 Subject to the general requirements of the Act, the Council will promote equality of opportunity. In such respects, nothing within this statement of licensing policy shall undermine the right of any individual to apply for any of the licences and/or authorisations provided for under the terms of the Act.
- 2.41 No applicant and/or licence holder shall receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, disability, marital status, marriage and civil partnership, colour, race or ethnic origin, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief. No applicant and/or licence holder shall be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which are not relevant to their application and/or their licence, the promotion of the four licensing objectives and this statement of licensing policy.
- 2.42 Subject to the general requirements of the Act, nothing within this statement of licensing policy shall undermine the right of any person to make representation(s) on an application or seek a review of an existing licence or certificate where provision has been made for them to do so under the Act.

Data Protection

- 2.43 The Council may use the information submitted on any application form for any licence(s) and/or permission(s) provided for under the terms of the Act for the purpose of its statutory function(s) in its capacity as the relevant Licensing Authority.
- 2.44 The Council may disclose all such information to its agents or service providers. The Licensing Authority may also share this information with other Council Services (Departments).
- 2.45 All applicants have the right to ask for a copy of the information that the Council holds about them and to correct any inaccuracies held.
- 2.46 By making application to the Council for any licence and/or permission under the terms of the Act all applicants consent to the Council processing sensitive personal data about them where this is necessary.
- 2.47 The Act requires the Council however to keep a register of:-
- (a) A record of each Premises Licence, Club Premises Certificate and Personal Licence issued by it;
 - (b) A record of each Temporary Event Notice received by it ;
 - (c) Details of various applications and notices received by the Council (as set out in Schedule 3 of the Act); and
 - (d) Such other information as may be prescribed.

Any person is permitted to obtain a copy of this information from the Council.

Delegation of functions

- 2.48 In the interests of speed and efficiency the Council has delegated many licensing decisions and functions to officers. However, if the matter to be decided is controversial in any way (e.g. where relevant representations are received) or the determination of the matter under delegated powers is precluded by law then it will be decided by a Sub-Committee of the Licensing and Regulation Committee. Appendix A sets out the Council's scheme of delegation in respect of Licensing Matters.

PART 3: TYPES OF LICENCES, CERTIFICATES AND NOTICES

General

- 3.1 The Licensing Act 2003 sets out a comprehensive scheme for licensing of the sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment and late night refreshment. Depending on the circumstances, anyone proposing to carry out any of these activities may require one or more licences or notices under the Act.
- 3.2 Information on the various licences and notices is given on the Council's website (www.winchester.gov.uk/licensing). General advice and assistance may be obtained from the Council's Licensing Team.
- 3.3 There are an increasing number of events held on open land, in public parks and streets, or in temporary structures. Applicants may be required to attend a meeting of the Safety Advisory Group to discuss the detail of the event with the relevant authorities. The Group's terms of reference are to uphold reasonable standards of public safety at all public events in Winchester District, encourage the well being of the public at those public events, and ensure so far as possible that any inconvenience to residents, businesses and the general public arising from events is minimised. The Safety Advisory Group will assist event organisers in meeting these objectives. Further information to assist event organisers can be found at www.winchester.gov.uk/eventplanning.

Personal licences

- 3.4 A personal licence will be granted to any applicant, aged 18 or over, who possesses a relevant qualification or is a person of a prescribed description as determined by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. A licence will not be granted to any applicant who has forfeited a personal licence in the five year period ending with the date of the application.
- 3.5 The Police may oppose an application if an applicant has a relevant unspent conviction or a conviction for a comparable offence in a foreign jurisdiction.
- 3.6 Applicants who meet the statutory criteria in terms of age, qualifications and non-forfeiture, as mentioned above, will be granted a licence (subject to any Police objections being received). Applications that do not meet those criteria will be rejected.
- 3.7 If a Police objection is received the application will be determined by a Sub-Committee of the Licensing & Regulation Committee, at a hearing where all representations which are relevant to the grant or refusal of the licence will be taken into account. Matters to be considered may include the nature of any offences, the time since their commission and any mitigating circumstances. The Act requires the Council to reject an application if it considers it is necessary in the interests of crime prevention to do so and, where there is a Police objection, the normal course of events will be refusal **unless the applicant demonstrates** that there are exceptional and compelling reasons to grant the application.

There will be no need for a hearing if the applicant, Council and Chief Officer of Police agree that a hearing is not necessary.

- 3.8 The Council requires every application for a personal licence to be accompanied by a **basic online** criminal record disclosure certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service. This will assist the Council in determining whether the applicant has any relevant unspent convictions.
- 3.9 Applicants should also produce a signed statement confirming that they have not been convicted outside of England and Wales of a relevant offence or equivalent offence (spent convictions excluded). Applicants should be warned that the making of a false declaration for the purpose of obtaining a licence is a criminal offence for which they will be prosecuted.
- 3.10 Only the Courts may revoke a Personal Licence, following a conviction for a relevant offence. The Council expects a high standard from Personal Licence holders operating in the District and will promote such standards at all licensed premises. It will work with the Police and other licensing authorities to ensure that appropriate action is taken by the Courts where these standards have not been met.

Temporary Event Notices

- 3.11 Temporary events involving relevant licensable activities may be held if certain criteria are fulfilled. However, the Council actively encourages persons organising such events ("premises users") to have due regard to any concerns of occupiers of premises adjacent to the proposed venue where the temporary event is due to take place.
- 3.12 When a temporary event is proposed, notice of the event, together with the relevant fee, must be served on the Council. A standard notice must be received at least 10 clear working days before the event. The Act also allows provision for a late Temporary Event Notice. Late notices must be given no later than 5 clear working days and no earlier than 9 working days. **This does not include the day the authority receives the notice or the day of the event.** Working days do not include weekends or bank holidays. The Council encourages premises users to serve notice on the Council as far as possible in advance of the proposed event. However, in order to allow the Police and Environmental Health to make a proper assessment of the situation, notices should not be served earlier than six months ahead of the event.
- 3.13 The premises user must also serve a copy of the notice on the local Chief Officer of Police and Environmental Health within the timescales laid down above in 3.12 if applying in paper format. All electronic notices will be forwarded by the Licensing Authority.
- 3.14 On receipt of a temporary event notice the Council will issue an acknowledgement notice in accordance with the requirements of the Act, unless a counter notice has been served under Section 107 of the Act. Counter notices under this Section relate to circumstances where the limits permitted under the Act for the service of temporary events notices are exceeded.

- 3.15 If the Chief Officer of Police and the Head of Environmental Health is satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice will undermine any the licensing objectives, they must serve an objection notice stating their reasons, on both the Council and the premises user by the end of the third working day following the day on which the temporary event notice was received.
- 3.16 If the Council receives an objection notice it will hold a hearing to consider the objections (unless the Council, Police, Environmental Health and premises user agree that a hearing is unnecessary) and will give the premises user a counter notice under Section 105 of the Act if it considers it necessary for the promotion of the crime prevention objective to do so.

Club Premises Certificates

- 3.17 The Council acknowledges that private premises to which public access is restricted and where alcohol is supplied, other than for profit, give rise to different issues for licensing law than those presented by commercial enterprises selling direct to the public. The Council encourages clubs to take advantage of the benefits offered to such premises such as the absence of a requirement for a Personal Licence Holder ("PLH") or Designated Premises Supervisor ("DPS").
- 3.18 The Council will consider applications for premises licences if the Club decides that it wishes to offer its facilities commercially for use by the general public but the applicant should remember that the appropriate planning consent should be sought prior to the application for a premises licence being submitted.
- 3.19 When premises have the benefit of a Club Premises Certificate, an application may be made to allow those running the premises to supply alcohol for consumption off the premises. Such supply will only be allowed during the hours that the premises are open for supply of alcohol to its members on the premises. Any such permission that is granted will be subject to conditions that any alcohol supplied will be in a sealed container and will only be supplied to members.

Premises Licences

- 3.20 A premises licence is required for any premises being used for one or more licensable activity as defined in 2.1 above. "Premises" includes any "place" and public areas such as parks, squares and streets will be included in this definition. This means that if licensable events will be taking place in such areas (such as the annual Hat Fair), the areas will need to be licensed. Those who may apply for licences are defined in Section 16 of the Act.
- 3.21 As recommended in the statutory Guidance, applicants for new premises licences (or major variations to premises licences) should undertake a thorough risk assessment with regard to the licensing objectives, which should then be used to prepare the required operating schedule.
- 3.22 The requirements in relation to applications for premises licences are set out in Section 17 of the Act and the Council will not be able to consider

applications which do not comply with those requirements. This Section requires that applications must be accompanied by:

- an Operating Schedule that demonstrates that the licensed premises can comply with the Council's licensing policy and promotes the four licensing objectives. The operating schedule must be adequate and appropriate for the type, location and opening hours of the particular premises. The licensing policies and matters for consideration by applicants, as detailed in Part 4 of this Policy, need to be considered carefully and measures included in the Operating Schedule, where necessary, showing how compliance with those policies will be achieved. Where an Operating Schedule does not include a measure which (under the Policy) the Council would expect to see included, a justification should be provided in the Operating Schedule.
- a plan of the premises to which the application relates in the prescribed form, details of the relevant premises supervisor and appropriate consent.
- the appropriate fee.

Note: fee levels and prescribed forms may be viewed on the government website www.gov.uk and the Council website www.winchester.gov.uk/licensing, or can be obtained from the Council's Licensing Section.

- 3.23 Premises Licences will include the mandatory conditions which must be imposed in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. These are:

Where the Licence Authorises Supply of Alcohol:

1. *No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:*
 - (a) *At a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or*
 - (b) *At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.*
2. *Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.*

Where the Licence requires Door Supervision:

Where individuals are required on premises to carry out security activities, they must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

Where the Licence Authorises Exhibition of Films:

Admission of children to the exhibition of any film is restricted in accordance with:

- (1) Where the film classification body is specified in the licence, unless subsection (2)(b) applies, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that body.
- (2) Where:
 - (a) the film classification body is not specified in the licence; or

- (b) the relevant licensing authority has notified the holder of the licence that this subsection applies to the film in question; admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that licensing authority.

In this section: 'children' means persons aged under 18; and 'film classification body' means the person or persons designated as the authority under section 4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 9(c 39) (authority to determine suitability of video works for classification).

The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2014

1. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
 - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
2. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
3. (1) *The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.*
(2) *The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.*

- (3) *The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—*
 - (a) *a holographic mark, or*
 - (b) *an ultraviolet feature.*
4. The responsible person must ensure that—
 - (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
 - (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
 - (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2014

1. *A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.*
2. *For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1-*
 - (a) *“duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;*
 - (b) *“permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula- $P = D + (D \times V)$ where-*
 - (i) *P is the permitted price,*
 - (ii) *D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and*
 - (iii) *V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;*
 - (c) *“relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence-*
 - (i) *the holder of the premises licence,*
 - (ii) *the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or*
 - (iii) *the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;*
 - (d) *“relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and*
 - (e) *“valued added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.*

3. *Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.*
4. *(1) Sub-paragraph 2 applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.*

Premises Licences for the consumption of alcohol off the premises will only include conditions shown above in *italics*.

In addition, conditions reflecting the operating schedule will be imposed. Where representations are received and a hearing is held, the Council may also impose other conditions it considers necessary as a result of those relevant representations.

- 3.24 Applications for major variations will need to include an operating schedule which deals with the issues relating to the licensing objectives, insofar as these are affected by the variation sought. Representations following such applications can only address the variation, and not the licence which would otherwise result from the conversion application alone.

PART 4: LICENSING POLICIES & MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY APPLICANTS

This Part sets out the matters which applicants should have regard to, by reference to each of the Licensing Objectives. In submitting operating schedules, applicants should set out control measures which they propose to put in place, which will address the relevant issues as they apply to their application.

Applicants are encouraged to informally consult the relevant Responsible Authorities and other relevant bodies, where applicable, such as the South Downs National Park Authority, before preparing operating schedules, in order to ensure that, so far as possible, any issues which such consultees might raise can be dealt with before the application is submitted.

Applicants should deal in their Operating Schedule with each of the four licensing objectives, and state the measures they propose to deal with these objectives. Where a suggested measure mentioned in this Policy is clearly not relevant in respect of particular premises or activities, responsible authorities are less likely to make representations if applicants indicate in their operating schedule why they have not included such measures.

The lists of possible measures are not to be regarded as absolute requirements or as “check lists” and will not be used by the Licensing Authority to create standard conditions.

Section A: Prevention of Crime and Disorder

A. Matters to be considered by applicants.

- A.1 Applicants should have regard to the following matters when writing their operating schedules and are advised to consult Hampshire Police before submitting their application. If the Council receives a representation, additional conditions may be imposed at the Hearing that determines the application.
- A.2 It should be noted in particular that it is unlawful under the 2003 Act:
- To sell or supply alcohol to a person who is drunk
 - To sell or supply alcohol to a person who is under 18 years of age
 - To knowingly allow disorderly conduct on licensed premises
 - For the holder of a premises licence or a designated premises supervisor to knowingly keep or to allow to be kept on licensed premises any goods that have been imported without payment of duty or which have otherwise been unlawfully imported
 - To allow the presence of children under 16 who are not accompanied by an adult between midnight and 05:00 hrs at any premises licensed for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and at any time in premises used exclusively or primarily for the sale and consumption of alcohol

Conditions enforcing these arrangements are therefore unnecessary.

- A.3 When applicants for premises licences or club premises certificates are preparing their operating schedules or club operating schedules, when responsible authorities are considering such applications and when the Council is considering applications, following receipt of any relevant representations from a responsible authority or interested party, the measures laid down in Section A.2 should be considered as practices which, if necessary, may promote the prevention of crime and disorder.
- A.4 Whether or not any risk assessment shows these measures to be necessary in the individual circumstances of any premises will depend on a range of factors including the nature and style of the venue, the activities being conducted there, the location of the premises and the anticipated clientele of the business involved. It should also be borne in mind that club premises operate under their own codes of discipline to ensure the good order and behaviour of members.
- A.5 Whether it is necessary to impose conditions on the licence or certificate will also depend on local knowledge of the premises.
- A.6 Any individual preparing an Operating Schedule is at liberty to volunteer any measure, such as those described below in section A.8, as a step he or she intends to take to promote the licensing objectives. When incorporated into the licence or certificate as a condition, they become enforceable under the law and a breach of such a condition could give rise to prosecution.

GENERAL

- A.7 The following measures are designed to provide a range of conditions drawn from experience relating to differing situations and to offer guidance. They are not intended to be regarded as standard conditions to be automatically imposed in all cases.
- A.8 The Applicant must indicate in the Operating Schedule the steps they propose to prevent crime and disorder. For premises open between 2300 and 0800, and as appropriate for all other premises (depending on the specific premises and business being carried out), the Council would expect Operating Schedules to have considered and include arrangements for the measures set out below (unless the applicant can justify why such measures should not be required):
- Use of CCTV both within and outside the premises in accordance with the code of practice issued by the Information Commissioner from time to time e.g. warning signs
 - Measures to prevent the bringing onto the premises of offensive weapons
 - Procedures for risk assessing promotions and events such as "happy hours" including the potential to cause crime and disorder and plans for minimising such risks
 - Measures to prevent the use or supply of illegal drugs
 - Employment of door supervisors licensed by the Security Industry Authority and other appropriately trained staff

- Participation in an appropriate Watch Scheme or other body designed to ensure effective liaison with the local community
- Proof of Age schemes
- Controls on bottles, glasses and containers
- Occupancy limits
- Notices and signage, including a prominent sign giving the name of the personal licence holder designated as being in charge of the premises at the relevant time.
- No admissions after a specified time
- A personal licence holder to be on duty at the premises during opening hours
- Procedure on how to deal with reports of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Reason

Prevention of crime and disorder is one of the four licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003. It is important that Applicants identify measures taken to address this objective in their operating schedule.

Drugs/Alcohol Abuse

- A.9 The Council will expect licensees to have adequate management practices in place, as well as suitable training for staff, to ensure that sales are not made to persons under the age of 18, or to persons who may supply to persons under that age. These practices also need to be in place to ensure that sales are not made to persons who are drunk, or in circumstances where it is likely that the sale of alcohol may result in crime and disorder.
- A.10 The Council will also expect licensees to be aware of the misuse of drugs and take all reasonable steps to prevent the entry of drugs into licensed premises, to take appropriate steps to prevent drugs being supplied within the premises and to take practical measures to prevent tragedies as a result of drug misuse. The licensee must also be aware of drugs used for 'spiking' and the potential harm and vulnerability this may cause. The BIIAB (British Institute of Innkeeping Awarding Body) Level 2 Award in Drugs Awareness for Licensed Hospitality Staff qualification is an appropriate method of demonstrating such awareness.

Reason

Drug and alcohol abuse are problems associated with licensable premises. Conditions are required to assist operators of such premises to meet both the crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance objectives.

Shops Stores and Supermarkets.

- A.11 The Council will generally consider licensing shops, stores and supermarkets to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises at any times they are open for shopping. However, shops must have adequate management practices to ensure that sales are not made to under 18 year olds and persons where there are grounds to believe that the sale will result in crime and disorder.

- A.12 However, if there are good reasons for restricting those hours, for example, where Police representations made in respect of shops known to be the focus of disorder and disturbance, then restriction of hours will be considered.
- A.13 Operating Schedules should indicate how the applicant will ensure that only staff aged over 18 years sell alcohol (or that any staff under 18 years old are closely supervised doing so). Schedules should also indicate what steps will be taken to avoid staff being intimidated into selling alcohol to children or young people.
- A.14 The Council therefore encourages shops to follow the existing good practice in the licensing trade by ensuring that CCTV is in operation on their premises at points of sale.
- A.15 The Council encourages partnership working to consider applications for Drink Banning Orders under Part 1 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.
- A.16 Such orders may apply to persons who engage in criminal or disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol; and, that such an order is necessary to protect other persons from further conduct by him of that kind whilst he is under the influence of alcohol.
- A.17 The Council may serve closure orders under Section 19 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.
- A.18 Where the Council is satisfied that any premises in the area of the authority are being, or within the last 24 hours have been, used for the unauthorised sale of alcohol for consumption on, or in the vicinity of, the premises, the authority may serve a closure notice in respect of those premises.
- A.19 Such orders may be served on a person having control of, or responsibility for the activities at the premises.

Reason

The sale of alcohol from premises other than pubs or clubs throughout the day is integral to the Act. It is however necessary to ensure that suitable regimes are in place to prevent the sale of alcohol to persons under 18 years of age and to persons who are drunk. Controls will meet the need to address the potential for crime and disorder problems that such sales can present. In addition the controls required will also address the requirement under the Act to protect children from harm.

Additional matters which should be considered by applicants are shown in Appendix B of this Policy.

Section B: Public Safety

B. Matters to be considered by Applicants

- B.1 The Council recognises that the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 replaced the previous fire safety legislation. Accordingly, the Authority will not seek to impose fire safety conditions on a licence/certificate where the Order, or any future fire safety guidance/legislation, applies.
- B.2 Following receipt of an application, a responsible authority may make representations to the Council, if it considers that adequate provision for public safety has not been made or has not been demonstrated within the application.
- B.3 The Council will expect effective arrangements to secure adequate public safety at all times. When preparing the Operating Schedule, applicants should take into account the areas listed below and any others which are identified from either of the Health and Safety and the specific Fire Safety risk assessments of the premises.
- Adequate provision for the safety of persons in line with the Equality Act 2010
 - Adequate provision of safe ingress and egress to the premises at all times when in use
 - Safe occupancy levels to be determined and suitable arrangements to ensure they are not exceeded (where necessary and not imposed by other legislation).
 - Adequate means of escape in case of fire
 - Adequate warning in case of fire
 - Adequate provision for fire fighting
 - Adequate levels of both normal and emergency lighting
 - Suitable and adequate fire and safety notices
 - Adequate levels of ventilation.
 - Adequate provision for summoning the emergency services
 - Suitable levels of non combustible or flame retarded finishes for the premises construction, wall and ceiling coverings, drapes and contents
 - Adequate arrangements for the maintenance of safety equipment and systems.
 - Adequate levels of training to staff members
 - Suitable recording of maintenance, tests and training
 - Testing of electrical wiring and systems
 - Suitable access for emergency vehicles
 - Adequate arrangements for the provision of first aid equipment
 - Adequate safety for indoor Sports Entertainment
 - Adequate numbers of attendants and marshals
 - Adequate arrangements for the safe use and storage of equipment used for special effects
 - Consideration of implementing national safety campaigns such as 'Ask for Angela'

- Measures on how to prevent drink spiking by training staff (including door staff) in awareness of drink spiking and a procedure on how to deal with reported incidents

Reason

The safety of the public at licensed premises is paramount and is one of the four licensing objectives.

Counter Terrorism

- B.4 Applicants will be expected to consider implementing appropriate counter terrorism measures at their premises, in particular, larger premises and events, in line with any national guidance. Applicants must also have regard to any counter terrorism advice given by Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA) or local police.
- B.5 At premises with alcohol for consumption on the premises and entertainment venues, applicants are recommended to consider counter terrorism training for all staff, such as the free Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) e-learning course. At a decision or review hearing, a condition requiring staff to be trained in counter terrorism awareness and how to report suspicious activity or respond to an incident may be imposed.

The main guidance bibliography is listed in Appendix C to this Policy.

Section C: The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Noise Controls

- C.1 With all applications, a balance of interests will be considered to allow licensable activities where possible, whilst preventing public nuisance within the local community.
- C2. Stricter conditions with regard to noise control will be expected in some circumstances.
This includes:
- (i) areas of the District which have denser residential accommodation
 - (ii) areas of the District that have low levels of background noise (such as within South Downs National Park)
 - (iii) licensable activities which extend into night time hours e.g. 2300-0700
 - (iv) Licensable activities to be held outdoors, in garden areas or in marquees
 - (v) Licensable activities of longer duration or greater frequency e.g. every day/ every weekend
 - (vi) Multiple licences on the same piece of land
 - (vii) Poor history of compliance
- C3. Depending on the nature of the application, the operating schedule would be expected to include some / all of the following:
- The location of premises and proximity to residential and other noise sensitive premises;
 - The hours of opening, particularly between 23:00 hours and 07:00 hours;
 - The nature of activities to be provided, including whether those activities are of a temporary or permanent nature and whether they are to be held inside or outside premises;
 - Details of the genre of music proposed
 - The design and layout of premises and in particular the presence of noise limiting features;
 - The total occupancy capacity (staff, customers, others) of the premises;
 - The availability of public transport;
 - Last admission time; and wind down period' between the end of the licensable activities and closure of the premises;
 - The age and type of clientele being attracted to or likely to be attracted to the premises.
- C4. In relation to C3 above, the applicant will be expected to demonstrate the measures that are taken to mitigate public nuisance, which where relevant, should include the following:
- Effective and responsible management of the premises
 - Installation of sound proofing, air conditioning, acoustic lobbies, sound limitation devices, acoustic curtains, rubber seals to doorways, installation of rubber speaker mounts;
 - Keeping doors and windows closed;

- Limiting music to a particular area of a premises and considering the type of music/ volume;
- Consideration of the choice, location and orientation of speakers;
- Identifying and monitoring noise levels from specific locations and keeping records of this;
- Noise Management Plans;
- Management of people, including staff and traffic (and any resulting queues) arriving and leaving premises;
- Appropriate instruction, training and supervision of those employed or engaged to prevent incidents of public nuisance, e.g. to ensure customers leave quietly;
- Time restrictions on use of garden areas;
- Management of external garden areas and smoking shelters including closing times;
- Management arrangements for the control of deliveries and collections & disposal of refuse;
- Liaison with public transport providers;
- Siting of external lighting including security lighting;
- Public Information – letters to nearby residents, hotline telephone contact numbers

C5. The applicant should give regard to current standards and national guidance for noise control at licensed premises and, where available, refer to the City Council's detailed advice on the Council's webpages. Applicants are also encouraged to contact the Environmental Health section for advice prior to submitting applications.

C6. Where an event is held in the South Downs National Park, event organisers should consider:

- (a) the Tranquillity Study carried out by the SDNPA available at www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/13-04-17-South-Downs-National-Park-Tranquillity-Study.pdf.
- (b) the International Dark Skies Reserve status, with respect to lighting at large events. Guidance can be found on the SDNPA website at www.southdowns.gov.uk/dark-night-skies/.

Section D: Protection of Children

D. Matters to be considered by Applicants

- D.1 When addressing the protection of children, applicants should initially identify any particular issues (having regard to their particular type of premises and/or activities) which are likely to cause concern in relation to children. Such steps as are required to deal with these identified issues should be included within the applicant's Operating Schedule. They should also have regard to the following matters when writing their operating schedules and are advised to consult the relevant Area Child Protection Team, (The Safeguarding Unit, Falcon House, Monarch Way, Winchester SO22 5PL)
- D.2 If the Council receive a representation, additional conditions may be imposed at the Hearing that determines the application.
- D.3 It should be noted that it is unlawful under the 2003 Act to permit unaccompanied children under the age of 16 to be present:
- (a) on premises exclusively or primarily used for supply of alcohol for consumption on those premises under the authorisation of a premises licence, club premises certificate or a temporary event notice when open for the purposes of being used for the supply of alcohol for consumption there; or
 - (b) between midnight and 05.00 at premises supplying alcohol for consumption on those premises under the authorisation of any premises licence, club premises certificate or temporary event notice.

Conditions duplicating these provisions are therefore unnecessary.

Adult Entertainment

- D.4 In most cases, adult entertainment, such as striptease or lapdancing, will be controlled under the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (see paragraph 1.7 of Part 1 above). Where the Licensing Act 2003 applies to such adult entertainment, however, the following provisions will apply to such regulated entertainment.

The Council will take into account the increased risk to the licensing objectives arising from adult entertainment.

NOTE: For the sake of convenience the term "striptease" in this part of the policy should be taken to refer to any entertainment or service involving exposure of private parts or the sexual stimulation of patrons.

- D.5 Where such entertainment is provided the operating schedule must include measures designed to ensure that children are not admitted to and cannot witness these activities and to prevent crime and disorder problems. For example:

D.5.1 The area proposed for striptease shall:

- (a) be in a position where the performance cannot be seen from the street;
- (b) be in a designated area of the premises with segregation from the audience;
- (c) be in a position where the performers will have direct access to the dressing room without passing through or in close proximity to the audience.

D5.2 Whilst striptease entertainment is taking place no person under the age of 18 shall be on the licensed premises and a clear notice shall be displayed at each entrance to the premises in a prominent position, so that it can be easily read by persons entering the premises, in the following terms:

“NO PERSON UNDER 18 WILL BE ADMITTED”

D.5.3 To prevent the possibility of children seeing unsuitable advertisements, unless the advertisement has been previously agreed by the Council, the policy of the Council will be to attach a condition to the effect that “Except with the consent of the Council there shall be no external advertising of the striptease entertainment either at the premises or in its immediate vicinity.”

Reason

These policies are designed to further the licensing objective of protecting children by preventing them being exposed to unsuitable material or acts. They are also designed to further the crime prevention and prevention of nuisance objectives by recognising the increased risk of nuisance or illegal activities such as performers offering “extras” to customers or the plying for trade by prostitutes.

Additional Controls

D.6 The Council will take strong measures to protect children from harm. In particular, it will ensure that strenuous efforts are made to reduce unlawful drinking of alcohol by children and young people under the age of 18. Examples of premises where the introduction of additional controls are likely to be necessary are:

- Where there have been convictions for serving alcohol to a minor or with a reputation for under-age drinking
- Where the premises or the activities being provided are likely to attract children and young people seeking to unlawfully drink alcohol
- With a known association with drug taking or dealing
- Where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises
- Where entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is provided

D.7 In such circumstances, it may sometimes be necessary to impose a complete prohibition, although this would only be imposed rarely. The Council would normally require:

- Limitations on the hours when children may be present
- Age limitations below 18
- Limitations or exclusions when certain activities are taking place
- Requirements for accompanying adults
- Full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place.

D.8 Where there is provision of entertainment specifically for children (e.g. a children's disco) the Council will require the presence of sufficient adults to control the access and egress of the children and assure their safety.

Reason

These policies are designed to allow flexibility for the licensee, to ensure that where appropriate licensed premises are "user friendly" for children but to ensure they are adequately protected.

Children & Cinemas

D.9 The Council expects licensees to include in their Operating Schedule arrangements for restricting children from viewing age restricted films classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification.

D.10 Where the exhibition of films is permitted the Council will expect the age restrictions of the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) in respect of the films to be exhibited to be complied with. Only in exceptional cases will variations to this general rule be granted by the Council and then only with appropriate safeguards.

D.11 In relation to specialist Film Festivals, where it is desired to show films not classified by the BBFC, the Council will, provided adequate notice has been given, classify the films concerned. To achieve consistency and the protection of children the Council will use the guidelines published by the BBFC.

Reason

To prevent children from viewing unsuitable films.

Children and Regulated Entertainment

D.12 It is expected that adult staff will be present at places of public entertainment to control the access and egress of children and to protect them from harm. This requirement also applies to children present at an event as performers, in which case for every ten children there must be one supervising adult present at all times.

Children and Purchase of Alcohol

- D.13 The Council will actively encourage licensees to keep registers of refused sales (refusals/challenge books) where sales of alcohol and any other age-restricted goods have been refused for any reason. Keeping such records will help to demonstrate that responsibilities for checking ages of purchasers are being taken seriously. Refusals/challenge books should be kept on the licensed premises and be made available for inspection by the Licensing Officer, Trading Standards or the Police.

Additional matters which should be considered by applicants are shown in Appendix E of this Policy.

APPENDIX A

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Matter to be dealt with	Licensing Sub-Committee	Service Lead for Public Protection
Application for personal licence	If Police objection is made owing to unspent relevant convictions.	In all cases unless a Police objection is made owing to unspent relevant convictions.
Application for premises licence/club premises certificate	If a relevant representation is made	If no relevant representation is made
Application for provisional statement	If a relevant representation is made	If no relevant representation is made
Application to vary premises licence/club premises certificate	If a relevant representation is made	If no relevant representation is made
Application to vary Designated Premises Supervisor	If a Police objection is made	In all other cases
Request to be removed as Designated Premises Supervisor		In all cases
Application for transfer of premises licence	If a Police objection is made	In all other cases
Application for interim authorities	If a Police objection is made	In all other cases
Application to review premises licence/club premises certificate	In all cases	
Decision on whether a complaint is irrelevant, frivolous, vexatious, etc		In all cases
Decision to object when local authority is a consultee and not the relevant authority considering the application	All cases	
Determination of a Police or Environmental Health objection to a temporary event notice	In all cases	
In cases where the Magistrates' Court has determined the licence on appeal		In all cases

Matter to be dealt with	Licensing Sub-Committee	Service Lead for Public Protection
Application for a minor variation to premises licence/club premises certificate		In all cases
Decision on whether an application for minor variation should be referred to a responsible authority		In all cases
Application to disapply the mandatory condition for a Designated Premises Supervisor at community premises	If a Police objection is made	In all other cases

APPENDIX B

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Measures which should be considered

Electronic Communication Devices

An encrypted digital radio system connecting licensed premises may be utilised to communicate the presence of people in an area who may be engaging in anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder or who are a 'banned person' imposed by Winchester Pubwatch.

Door Supervisors

Conditions relating to the provision of door supervisors and security teams may be valuable in:

- Preventing the admission and ensuring the departure from the premises of the drunk and disorderly, without causing further disorder
- Keeping out excluded individuals (subject to court bans or imposed by the licence holder)
- Searching and excluding those suspected of carrying illegal drugs, or carrying offensive weapons
- Maintaining orderly queuing outside of venues prone to such queuing

Where door supervisors conducting security activities are to be a condition of a licence, which means that they would have to be registered with the Security Industry Authority, conditions may also need to deal with a number of such supervisors, the displaying of name badges, the carrying of proof of registration, where and at what times they should be stationed on the premises and whether at least one female should be available (for example, if female customers are to be the subject of body searches).

Door supervisors also have a role to play in ensuring public safety.

Bottle Bans

Bottles may be used as weapons inflicting more serious harm during incidents of disorder. A condition can prevent sales of drinks in their bottles for consumption on the premises. However, many women consider that drinking from bottles to be safer as it is easier for them to prevent the spiking with drugs of drinks in bottles the openings of which may be readily covered. These issues, therefore, need to be carefully balanced.

Non-glass based alternatives and Toughened Glass

Glasses containing drinks may be used as weapons during incidents of disorder and can cause very serious injuries. Consideration should therefore be given to conditions requiring either the use of non-glass based alternative containers or toughened glass that inflicts less severe injuries. Location and style of the venue and the activities carried on there would be particularly important in assessing whether a condition is necessary. For example, the use of glass containers on the

terraces of outdoor sports grounds may obviously be of concern, but similar concerns may also apply to indoor sports events such as boxing matches. Similarly, the use of such non-glass based alternative containers or toughened glass during the televising of live sporting events, such as international football matches, when high states of excitement and emotion fuelled by alcohol might arise, may be a necessary condition.

It should also be noted that the use of non-glass based alternative containers or paper drinks containers and toughened glass may also be relevant as measures to promote public safety.

CCTV

The presence of CCTV cameras can be an important means of deterring and detecting crime at and immediately outside licensed premises. Operating Schedules should state the precise siting of each camera, the arrangements which will be put in place to maintain cameras in working order and the proposed retention period for such tapes.

The Police should provide individuals conducting risk assessments (when preparing Operating Schedules) with advice on the use of CCTV to prevent crime.

Open Containers Not to be Taken From the Premises

Drinks purchased in licensed premises or clubs may be taken from those premises for consumption elsewhere. Where premises are licensed for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises that would be entirely lawful. However, consideration should be given to preventing the taking of alcoholic and other drinks from the premises in open containers (e.g. glasses and opened bottles). This may again be necessary to prevent the use of these containers as offensive weapons in surrounding streets after individuals have left the premises.

Restrictions of Drinking Areas

It may be necessary to restrict the areas where alcoholic drinks may be consumed in premises after they have been purchased from the bar. An example would be at a sports ground where the police consider it necessary to prevent the consumption of alcohol on the terracing of sports grounds during particular sports events. Operating Schedules should not only specify these areas, but also indicate the circumstances in which the ban would apply and times at which it should be enforced.

Capacity Limits

Capacity limits are not enforceable under the Licensing Act 2003, however the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service recommends that premises users include a capacity limit within their Risk Assessment.

Crime Prevention Notices

It may be necessary at some premises for notices to be displayed warning customers of the prevalence of crime that may affect them. For example, in certain areas, a condition attached to a premises licence or club premises certificate might

require the displaying of notices at the premises advising customers about the need to be vigilant of unattended bags because of concerns about terrorism.

Signage

It may be necessary for the normal hours under the terms of the premises licence or club premises certificate at which licensable activities are permitted to take place to be displayed on or immediately outside the premises so that it is clear when breaches of the terms of the licence or certificate are taking place.

Similarly, it may be necessary for any restrictions on the admission of children to be displayed on or immediately outside the premises so that the consequences of breaches of these conditions would also be clear and to deter those who might seek admission in breach of those conditions.

It will often be important for the Police, authorised officers and members of the public to know the name of the person who is in charge of the premises when they are open for trading. In appropriate circumstances, a condition may be imposed requiring the name of the duty manager or other responsible person in charge to be displayed.

Reference: Home office guide – Design out crime

APPENDIX C

Public Safety

The following bibliography provides suitable information and guidance to assist applicants to determine the appropriate provisions and standards required for public safety.

BS 9999:2017 Fire Safety in the design, management and use of buildings

Approved document B to the Building Regulations – means of escape from fire.

Managing Crowds Safely (HSE 2000) ISBN 0 7176 1834 X

Example risk assessments – www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies

The Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (“The Green Guide”) ISBN 978-1-9164583-0-7

The Noise Council Code of Practice on Environmental Noise at Concerts (1995)

The Purple Guide - www.thepurpleguide.co.uk

Guidance on running events safely – www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety

BS 8551:2015 – Temporary water supply code of practice

Safety Guidance for Street Arts, Carnival, Processions and Large Scale Performances published by the independent Street Arts Network, copies of which may be obtained through www.streetartsproject.org.uk

Assistance on fire safety related matters can be found by visiting Hampshire and IOW Fire and Rescue Service web site: www.hantsfire.gov.uk

Advice and guidance for businesses on how to protect the public from terrorist threats - www.counterterrorism.police.uk/adviceforbusinesses/ and www.protectuk.police.uk/

APPENDIX D

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Additional matters to be considered

Access for children to licensed premises - in general

Restrictions on the access of children under 18 to premises where licensable activities are being carried on should be made where it is necessary to protect children from harm. Conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates may reflect the concerns of responsible authorities and interested parties who have made representations but only where the Council considers such conditions necessary to protect children from harm. Whilst applications in relation to premises licences and club premises certificates must be judged by the Council on their individual merits and characteristics, the Secretary of State recommends (unless there are circumstances justifying the contrary) that:

- For any premises with known associations (having been presented with evidence at a hearing) with underage drinking, drugs, significant gambling, or any activity or entertainment (whether regulated entertainment or not) of a clearly adult or sexual nature, there should be a strong presumption against permitting any access at all for children under 18 years. Applicants wishing to allow access for children to premises where these associations may be relevant, when preparing Operating Schedules or club Operating Schedules or variations of those schedules, for the purposes of obtaining or varying a premises licence or club premises certificate, should:
 - Explain their reasons; and
 - Outline in detail the steps that they intend to take to protect children from harm on such premises.
- For any premises, not serving alcohol for consumption on the premises, but where the public are allowed on the premises after 2200 hrs in the evening, there should be a presumption against the presence of children under the age of 12 unaccompanied by adults after that time. Applicants wishing to allow access when preparing operation schedules or variations of those schedules or club Operating Schedules for the purposes of obtaining or varying a premises licence or club premises certificate should:
 - Explain their reasons; and
 - Outline in detail the steps that they intend to take to protect children from harm on such premises.

In any other case, subject to the personal licence holder, designated premises supervisor or club's discretion, the expectation would be for unrestricted access for children of any age to premises. An operating schedule or club operating schedule should indicate any decision for the premises to exclude children completely, following from which there would be no need to include in the schedule steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the protection of children from harm.

Age Restrictions - specific

Under the 2003 Act a wide variety of licensable activities could take place at various types of premises and at different times of the day and night. Whilst it may be appropriate to allow children unrestricted access at particular times and when certain activities are not taking place the Council (following relevant representations made by responsible authorities and interested parties) will need to consider a range of conditions that are tailored to the particular premises and their activities where these are necessary. The Council will consider:

- The times of day during when age restrictions should and should not apply. For example, the fact that adult entertainment may be presented at premises after 2000 hrs does not mean that it would be necessary to impose age restrictions for earlier parts of the day.
- Types of event or activity in respect of which no age restrictions may be needed, for example;
 - Family entertainment; or
 - Non-alcoholic events for young age groups such as under 18s dances

Similarly, types of event or activity that give rise to a more acute need for age restrictions than normal, for example:

- During "Happy Hours" or on drinks promotion nights;

Age restrictions - cinemas

The Secretary of State considers that, in addition to the mandatory condition imposed by virtue of Part 20 of the Act, requiring the admission of children to films to be restricted in accordance with recommendations given either by a body designated under Part 4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 or by the Council itself, conditions restricting the admission of children to film exhibitions should include:

- A condition that where the Council itself is to make recommendations on the admission of children to films, the cinema or venue operator must submit any film to the authority that it intends to exhibit 28 days before it is proposed to show it. This is to allow the authority time to classify it so that the premises licence holder is able to adhere to any age restrictions then imposed.
- A condition that when films are classified, by either the film classification body as specified in the licence or the Council, they should be classified in the following way:
 - U Universal - suitable for audiences aged four years and over.
 - PG Parental Guidance. Some scenes may be unsuitable for young children.
 - 12 Passed only for viewing by persons aged 12 years or older.

- 12A Passed only for viewing by persons aged 12 years or older or persons younger than 12 when accompanied by an adult.
 - 15 Passed only for viewing by persons aged 15 years and over.
 - 18 Passed only for viewing by persons aged 18 years and over.
- That conditions specify that immediately before each exhibition at the premises of a film passed by the British Board of Film Classification there shall be exhibited on screen for at least five seconds in such a manner as to be easily read by all persons in the auditorium a reproduction of the certificate of the Board or, as regards a trailer advertising a film, of the statement approved by the Board indicating the classification of the film.
 - A condition that when a Council has made a recommendation on the restriction of admission of children to a film, notices are required to be displayed both inside and outside the premises so that persons entering can readily be made aware of the classification attached to any film or trailer. Such a condition might be expressed in the following terms:

"Where a programme includes a film recommended by the Council as falling into the 12, 12A, 15 or 18 category no person appearing to be under the age of 12, under 12 and unaccompanied, 15 or 18 as appropriate shall be admitted to any part of the programme; and the licence holder shall display in a conspicuous position at each entrance to the premises a notice in the following terms -

**PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF [INSERT APPROPRIATE AGE]
CANNOT BE ADMITTED TO ANY PART OF THE PROGRAMME**

Where films of different categories form part of the same programme, the notice shall refer to the oldest age restriction.

This condition does not apply to members of staff under the relevant age provided that the prior written consent of the person's parents or legal guardian has first been obtained,"

Theatres

The admission of children to theatres, as with other licensed premises, is not normally expected to be restricted unless it is necessary to promote the licensing objective of the protection of children from harm. However, theatres may be the venue for a wide range of activities. The admission of children to the performance of a play will normally be left to the discretion of the licence holder and no condition restricting the access of children to plays should be attached. However, theatres may also present entertainment including, for example, variety shows, incorporating adult entertainment. A condition restricting the admission of children in such circumstances may be necessary. Entertainment may also be presented at theatres specifically for children (see below).

Consideration will be given to the imposition of conditions to premises licence requiring the presence of a sufficient number of adult staff on the premises to ensure the well being of children present on the premises during any emergency.

Performances especially for children

Where performances are presented especially for children in theatres and cinemas conditions are anticipated to be needed which:

- Require that an attendant be stationed in the area(s) occupied by the children, in the vicinity of each exit, provided that on each level occupied by children the minimum number of attendants on duty should be one attendant per 50 children or part thereof.
- Specify whether or not standing will be allowed. For example, there may be reduced risk for children in the stalls than at other levels or areas in the building.

Children in performances

There are many productions each year that are one-off shows where the cast is made up almost entirely of children. They may be taking part as individuals or as part of a drama club, stage school or school group. The age of those involved may range from 5 to 18. The Children (Performances) Regulations 1968 as amended set out requirements for children performing in a show. However, if it is necessary to consider imposing conditions for the promotion of the protection of children from harm then the Council will consider the matters outlined below:

- **Venue** - the backstage facilities should be large enough to accommodate safely the number of children taking part in any performance.
- **Fire safety** - all chaperones and production crew on the show should receive instruction on the fire procedures applicable to the venue prior to the arrival of the children.
- **Special effects** - it may be inappropriate to use certain special effects, including smoke, dry ice, rapid pulsating or flashing lights, which may trigger adverse reactions especially with regard to children.
- **Care of children** - theatres, concerts halls and similar places are places of work and may contain a lot of potentially dangerous equipment. It is therefore important that children performing at such premises are kept under adult supervision at all times including transfer from stage to dressing room and anywhere else on the premises. It is also important that the children can be accounted for at all times in case of an evacuation or emergency.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED

Note: In this Policy, the following definitions are included to provide an explanation of certain terms included in the Act and therefore in the Policy. In some cases they are an abbreviation of what is stated in the Licensing Act 2003 or an interpretation of those terms. For a full definition of the terms used, the reader must refer to the Licensing Act 2003.

Club Premises Certificate	A certificate granted under the Licensing Act 2003 for premises habitually used by a club which fulfils certain statutory criteria.
Designated Premises Supervisor	The person (who must be a Personal Licence holder), in the case of premises selling alcohol, who will normally have been given the day to day responsibility for running the premises by the holder of the Premises Licence The Premises Licence Holder can also be the Designated Premises Supervisor.
Any Other Person	The Act has removed the vicinity test, therefore any person may make a representation or apply for review.
Late Night Refreshment	the supply of hot food or hot drink to members of the public (whether for consumption on or off the premises) between the hours of 11.00 pm and 5.00 am.
Licensable Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the sale by retail of alcohol• the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club• the provision of Regulated Entertainment• the provision of Late Night Refreshment
Licensed Premises	includes club premises and events unless the context otherwise requires.
Operating Schedule	a document containing a statement of the following matters (and any others that may be prescribed):- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the relevant Licensable Activities• the times at which the Licensable Activities are to take place and any other times when premises are open to the public• information regarding the person who will be specified in the Premises Licence as the Premises Supervisor• where the Licensable Activities involve the supply of alcohol, whether it is for the supply on and/or off the premises• steps being taken to promote the Licensing Objectives
Personal Licence	A licence granted to an individual authorising that individual to supply alcohol.

Premises Licence	A licence granted under the Licensing Act allowing premises to be used for one or more Licensable Activities.
Relevant Representation	<p>Representations which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) relevant to one or more of the licensing objectives; and (b) made by any <u>person</u> within the appropriate period; and (c) have not been withdrawn; and (d) if they are made by any person (who is not also a responsible authority), are not, in the opinion of the Council frivolous, or vexatious <p>The Council will determine whether representations are relevant or not.</p>
Responsible Authority	<p>These include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Chief Officer of Police (b) The Fire Authority (Hampshire Fire and Rescue) (c) The enforcing authority for health and safety at work (either the Health and Safety Executive or the City Council) (d) The local planning authority (the City Council or South Downs National Park Authority) (e) The local authority by which statutory functions are exercisable in any area in which the premises are situated in relation to minimising or preventing the risk of pollution of the environment or of harm to human health (the City Council (Environmental Health Section)) (f) The Primary Care Trust or Health Board (g) The Licensing Authority (h) A body which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) represents those who, in relation to any such area, are responsible for, or interested in, matters relating to the protection of children from harm and (ii) is recognised by the licensing authority for that area for the purposes of this section as being competent to advise it on such matters (in Winchester's case, this will be the relevant Safeguarding Unit) (i) in relation to a vessel, a navigation authority, the Environment Agency, Maritime and Coastguard Agency or the British Waterways Board.
Regulated Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a performance of a play • an exhibition of a film • an indoor sporting event • a boxing or wrestling entertainment • a performance of live music • any playing of recorded music • a performance of dance <p>(or entertainment of a similar description falling within the last three of the categories listed above), where the entertainment</p>

takes place in the presence of and for the purposes of entertaining that audience or spectators.

**Temporary
Event Notice**

- a temporary activity involving one or more Licensable Activities subject to the following various conditions and limitations set out under the Licensing Act 2003
- duration
- scale
- use of the same premises on a prescribed number of occasions per calendar year; and
- the number of notices given by an individual within a given period of time.

In any other circumstances, a full Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate will be required for the period of the event.

Statement of Consultation

This document was produced by Winchester City Council in accordance with its duties under the Licensing Act 2003.

Under Section 5 of the Act, the Council is required to determine its policy with respect to licensing functions and publish a statement of that policy. The statement must be published no later than 6 February 2024, must be kept under review and a new policy published every five years.

The draft policy was published on the Council's website on 20 September 2023, and the following were consulted on the proposed policy:-

- Chief Constable, Hampshire and IOW Police;
- Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire and IOW Police;
- Hampshire and IOW Fire and Rescue Authority;
- Child Protection, Hampshire County Council
- Environmental Health – Winchester City Council
- Development Management – Winchester City Council
- South Downs National Park Authority
- All elected Members
- Parish and Town Councils in the Winchester District;
- Known residents associations;
- Winchester Pubwatch;
- Winchester BID;
- BIIAB
- British Beer and Pub Association;

The policy was approved following adoption by full Council on 17 January 2024.