

Date:

Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 1.30 pm

Venue:

Council Chamber, Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby, TS17 6BJ.

This meeting will commence immediately following the General Licensing Committee but not before 1:30 pm

Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair)

Cllr Mick Moore (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Diane Clarke OBE, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Jason French, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Marilyn Surtees and Cllr Hilary Vickers

Agenda

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2. Evacuation Procedure (Pages 7 - 10)

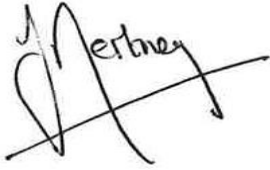
3. Apologies for Absence

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Minutes (Pages 11 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 September 2024.

6. Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy Review 2026 (Pages 13 - 18)



Jonathan Nertney
Head of Democratic Services
Monday 1 June 2026

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Contact: Democratic Services Officer on email sarah.whaley@stockton.gov.uk

Key – Declarable interests are :-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance



Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

Council Chamber, Dunedin House Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping

Entry

Entry to the Council Chamber is via the Council Chamber entrance indicated on the map below.



In the event of an emergency alarm activation, everyone should immediately start to leave their workspace by the nearest available signed Exit route.

The emergency exits are located via the doors on either side of the raised seating area at the front of the Council Chamber.

Fires, explosions, and bomb threats are among the occurrences that may require the emergency evacuation of Dunedin House. Continuous sounding and flashing of the Fire Alarm is the signal to evacuate the building or upon instruction from a Fire Warden or a Manager.

The Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point is in the overflow car park located across the road from Dunedin House.

The allocated assembly point for the Council Chamber is: D2

Map of the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point - the overflow car park:



All occupants must respond to the alarm signal by immediately initiating the evacuation procedure.

When the Alarm sounds:

1. **stop all activities immediately.** Even if you believe it is a false alarm or practice drill, you **MUST** follow procedures to evacuate the building fully.
2. **follow directional EXIT signs** to evacuate via the nearest safe exit in a calm and orderly manner.
 - do not stop to collect your belongings
 - close all doors as you leave
3. **steer clear of hazards.** If evacuation becomes difficult via a chosen route because of smoke, flames or a blockage, re-enter the Chamber (if safe to do so). Continue the evacuation via the nearest safe exit route.
4. **proceed to the Evacuation Assembly Point.** Move away from the building. Once you have exited the building, proceed to the main Evacuation Assembly Point **immediately** - located in the **East Overflow Car Park**.
 - do not assemble directly outside the building or on any main roadway, to ensure access for Emergency Services.

5. await further instructions.

- **do not re-enter the building under any circumstances without an “all clear”** which should only be given by the Incident Control Officer/Chief Fire Warden, Fire Warden or Manager.
- do not leave the area without permission.
- ensure all colleagues and visitors are accounted for. Notify a Fire Warden or Manager immediately if you have any concerns

Toilets

Toilets are located immediately outside the Council Chamber, accessed via the door at the back of the Chamber.

Water Cooler

A water cooler is available at the rear of the Council Chamber.

Microphones

During the meeting, members of the Committee, and officers in attendance, will have access to a microphone. Please use the microphones, when invited to speak by the Chair, to ensure you can be heard by the Committee and those in attendance at the meeting.

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STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of Statutory Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday 24 September 2024.

Present: Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair), Cllr Mick Moore (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Diane Clarke OBE, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mick Stoker and Cllr Hugo Stratton.

Officers: Leanne Maloney-Kelly (DoAH&W) and Natalie Hodgson.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Clare Besford, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Marilyn Surtees and Cllr Hilary Vickers.

SLC/1/24 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

SLC/2/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SLC/3/24 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Statutory Licensing Committee minutes from the meeting held 23 November 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

SLC/4/24 REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR GAMBLING PREMISES IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Members were presented with and asked to consider, note and comment on a report which detailed the statutory public consultation on the revised Gambling Statement of Principles for gambling premises in Stockton on Tees.

The Gambling Act 2005 required licensing authorities to publish a Statement of Principles, every three years. The current statement was published in January 2022 and as such, a new statement was due to be published in January 2025.

The statement included three objectives, which supported the role of the Gambling Commission and the local authority. These were:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime.
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.

- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

There had been no legislative changes since 2022, as such there had been no material changes to the proposed statement. The statement had had a refresh regarding look, ease of use and updated information about the Borough, gambling participation and gambling harms.

The statement did not include web-based, online gambling or any aspects of advertising or promotion as these were the responsibility of the Gambling Commission.

The draft statement was published for statutory consultation. The consultation included the public and stakeholders such as the Gambling Commission, trade associations, licensees, children's services, responsible authorities including police and public health, and all members.

The consultation and how to comment was also published on the website and within all public libraries. No further comments on the draft statement had been received.

In 2023 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport conducted a public consultation relating to the land based gambling sector and new regulations had been proposed. Once implemented, these would be incorporated into the new statement

As well as the Gambling Act 2005, the Gambling Commission Guidance for Local Authorities detailed how the local authority should exercise its functions when licensing premises for gambling.

The current review would conclude with the revised statement coming into effect on the 31 January 2025 following consideration by Cabinet and Council.

RESOLVED that the:

- 1) report be noted

- 2) following consultation the revised statement be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet and Council for consideration with the revised statement coming into effect on the 31 January 2025.

DELEGATED

Report to Statutory
Licensing Committee

09 June 2026

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATED SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION

Licensing Act 2003 Stockton-on-Tees Statement of Licensing Policy Review 2026

Summary

Under the Licensing Act 2003 local authorities must develop and review their Statement of Licensing Policy at least every five years. The revised policy provides a pragmatic and fair approach to all those working within the licensable activity sector, whilst continuing to meet the statutory obligations under the Licensing Act 2003.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Members note the content of this report.
2. That Members recommend to Council the proposed Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy is adopted.

Detail

1. A copy of the proposed Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy can be found at: [Stockton Statement of Licensing Act Policy 2026](#)
2. The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy reflects legislation, best practice and integrates the recently published [National Licensing Policy Framework](#) which is a strategic vision for a modern, permissive licensing system that safeguards communities while enabling hospitality and leisure to thrive, and is aligned with the licensing objectives which are:
 - the prevention of crime and disorder
 - public safety
 - the prevention of public nuisance
 - the protection of children from harm
3. The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy supports the Councils vision and priorities and includes information on:
 - Martyn's Law (Protect Duty)
 - Illegal employment practices
 - Local alcohol related harm
4. The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy reinforces our commitment to:
 - Partnership working including Pubwatch

- Proactive enforcement around alcohol harm including underage sales and early morning sales
 - Engagement and compliance with the trade including the Reducing the Strength scheme
 - Developing a responsible retailer guide that can be updated and remain current outside of the 5 year policy cycle
5. For statutory consultation the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy was circulated for response to:
 - Responsible authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 including the Police
 - All members
 - Internal and external stakeholders
 - All current licence holders in the hospitality trade
 6. The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy was advertised to the public on the licensing website and social media pages. Comments were to be received by 31 May 2026.
 7. No comments objecting to the proposed policy were received. Comments were received from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) via the Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV). The comments and proposed additional policy wording are attached as Appendix 1.

History and Background

8. The [Licensing Act 2003](#) places a statutory requirement on all Local Authorities to develop a Statement of Licensing Policy, and policies are to be reviewed at least every five years.
9. The Statement of Licensing Policy guides how the Council exercises its responsibilities when issuing licences for the sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment, and late-night refreshment.
10. The table below shows the current number of licensed premises under the Licensing Act 2003:

Licensed Premises (Licensing Act 2003)	24-25	25-26	Difference
Total alcohol licensed premises	470	462	-8
Alcohol - authorised for on and off sales	221	217	-4
Alcohol - authorised on sales only	83	81	-2
Alcohol - authorised off sales only	166	164	-2
Late night refreshment only	65	64	-1
Regulated entertainment only	46	46	-
Total Number of Licensed Premises	581	572	-9

11. All decisions must support the four equal-weight licensing objectives, as advised by the Section 182 [guidance which accompanies the Act](#), these objectives underpin every part of the policy, and your feedback will help ensure that Stockton-on-Tees continues to promote safe, responsible, and well-managed licensed activities.

12. The current Statement of Licensing Policy can be found at: www.stockton.gov.uk/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences

Additional Information

13. During the consultation [The Crime and Policing Act 2026](#) received Royal Assent, the Act is wide ranging and primarily police focused, but it does have several direct and indirect implications for local authorities, particularly across community and licensing related functions.
14. To ensure the policy document is relevant and up to date, the officers may implement amendments or additions, in consultation with and subject to the agreement of the Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee, provided such changes do not result in any material alteration to the overall intent or scope.

Legislation and Policy Considerations

15. The implementation and operation of the Statement of Licensing Policy will be done in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and associated guidance; this proposal will uphold the licensing objectives whilst meeting our statutory obligations under the Licensing Act 2003.

Members' Options

16. Detailed in recommendations.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not ward related

17. The Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety has been consulted, along with all Members and Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 and the public.

Financial Implications

18. Licensing Act 2003 fees statutorily set, have not been reviewed by Government since 2003 and are not affected by this proposal.
19. The fees do not form part of the Councils approved Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan.

Legal Implications

20. The implementation and operation of the Statement of Licensing Policy will be done in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and associated guidance. The risks associated with the Statement of Licensing Policy are mitigated by the administration and enforcement provisions of The Licensing Act 2003 and associated guidance.

Environmental Implications

21. Through the maintenance of a strategic licensing policy there will be opportunities to further improve the environment, to the benefit of all.

Community Safety Implications

22. The administration and enforcement of the licensing regime should assist in reducing crime and disorder. The administration and enforcement provisions within the

Licensing Act 2003 and associated guidance assist officers in dealing with problem premises and can lead to the revocation of a licence.

Background Papers

The Licensing Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/17/contents>

Section 182 Guidance (February 2025)

Statutory guidance issued by the Home Office provides comprehensive direction on promoting the licensing objectives, handling applications, reviews, and enforcement.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003

National Licensing Policy Framework for the hospitality and leisure sectors

Strategic vision for a modern, permissive licensing system that safeguards communities while enabling hospitality and leisure to thrive.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-licensing-policy-framework-for-the-hospitality-and-leisure-sectors

The Crime & Policing Act 2026

Introduces a wide range of measures to strengthen the response to antisocial behaviour, retail crime, and serious violence. Increases expectations around partnership working, data sharing, and proactive enforcement, while providing stronger legal mechanisms to support community safety and protect town centres.

www.gov.uk/government/collections/crime-and-policing-act-2026

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Consultation Responses and Proposed policy wording

OPCC Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence – Response

- In the CURV section, could the funding of drug safes for licensed premises also be highlighted.
- In the Protection of Children section, some of the hotel premises have taken part in the Operation Makesafe training. May be relevant to mention this Op as is ongoing.
- Community Guardians programme- give community members and those in public-facing roles the appropriate tools and training to recognise the exploitation of young people.

Proposed additional content for policy

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The licensing authority will continue to support the provision of drug safes within licensed premises as a targeted measure to address drug related harm and associated crime and disorder, safes have been installed across the Borough through Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence funding. These safes enable the secure storage of suspected substances, reducing risk to staff and supporting lawful handling procedures. Ongoing monitoring arrangements are in place, with the initiative linked to wider partnership work with Teesside University to support local drug testing and intelligence sharing activity, contributing to early identification of harmful substances in circulation.

Protection of Children from Harm

Operation Makesafe

The licensing authority will support and promote Operation Makesafe, a national initiative focused on raising awareness within the hospitality sector of child exploitation and equipping staff with the skills to identify and report concerns. Training is provided through partnership working with Barnardo's ensuring continued integration with regulatory activity and reinforcing the role of licensed premises in safeguarding vulnerable children.

Community Guardians Programme

The Community Guardians programme is a partnership initiative designed to equip members of the public and those in customer facing roles with the knowledge and confidence to identify and respond to signs of child exploitation. Delivered locally in collaboration with the [Ivison Trust](#), the programme provides training and practical guidance to support early identification and appropriate reporting. The licensing authority recognises the value of this approach in extending safeguarding awareness into the wider community, including licensed premises, and encouraging collective responsibility for protecting children from harm.

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