

**Schedule of Responses to draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026**

Reference	Respondent	Comments	Action Taken / Comments
<p>Email received 24 July 2020</p>	<p><b>RBC Cllr Janet Emsley</b></p>	<p>‘it’s very wordy and may need an overhaul’;</p> <p>‘typos – Suspension of Premises Licences / Club Premises Certificates should read Suspension of Premises’ Licences and Club Premises’ certificates and every other reference should be apostrophised’;</p> <p>‘not sure if I am happy’ with the definition of a sex-related nature (e.g. topless waitresses, striptease, table dancing). ‘This assumes that topless females are sex related but males aren’t’;</p> <p>‘does it need an extra bit about reserving the right to do everything differently in a pandemic?’</p>	<p>Due regard has been given to the comments.</p> <p>The Licensing Act 2003 is a lengthy and complex piece of legislation. The statement of licensing policy is intending to reflect the statutory provisions of the Act and attempts to provide comprehensive information and guidance to applicants in their submission of applications, etc.</p> <p>Draft policy can be amended to correct the typos/grammatical errors that have been kindly identified.</p> <p>The examples of sex-related nature has been lifted from Government guidance, but the reference to ‘topless waitresses’ can be removed.</p> <p>The practices and processes under the Licensing Act 2003 are statutory and acting outside can be deemed ultra vires. The Licensing Authority is unable to do anything differently in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, unless there is a change in</p>

			<p>primary legislation or there is specific set of guidance provided by the Government to all local authorities.</p> <p>The Licensing Authority seeks to avoid any duplication with other statutory/regulatory systems. It is already a legal obligation to have Health &amp; Safety risk assessments under existing legislation; therefore the policy should not be amended in this respect.</p>
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