

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities
held at 9.00 am on Monday, 24 November 2025

Present:

Members: Councillor AS Khan (Cabinet Member)
Councillor J Lepoidevin (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Law and Governance: L Knight, R Masih, A Wright

Apologies: Councillor P Akhtar

Public Business

46. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

47. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

48. Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy 2026 - 2031

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities considered a report of the Director of Law and Governance, which set out the outcome of the eight-week consultation undertaken on the review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy for the Licensing Act 2003 and sought approval of a revised policy for the period 2026-2031.

The Cabinet Member noted that the report had been considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee at its meeting held on 18th November 2025, who had supported the proposed revised policy.

The Licensing Act 2003 requires each Licensing Authority to prepare and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy. The Policy sets out how the Licensing Authority intends to approach its licensing responsibilities and how it intends to promote the four licensing objectives of:

- Preventing of Crime & Disorder
- Promotion of Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

The Policy must be renewed every five years and be subject to a full consultation process.

The current Statement of Licensing Policy came into effect on 16th March 2021, to cover the period up to 16th March 2026.

At the meetings of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities on 28th July 2025 and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 5th August 2025, a report was considered on the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy and the Director of Law and Governance was authorised to consult on its contents.

Public consultation took place between 12th August 2025 and 7th October 2025, which included mail shots to representatives of the licensed trade, clubs and key partners; formally writing to the Chief Officers of the responsible authorities; mail shots to businesses and organisations; and wider public consultation through the City Council website.

Officers indicated that there were no major changes to the policy except for some minor wording amendments following the consultation, which were highlighted in the draft revised policy at Appendix 1.

The revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy was attached as an appendix to the report. It was recommended that the revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy be recommended for adoption, to take effect from 16th March 2026.

The Cabinet Member noted the results of the consultation and the comments of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

RESOLVED that, the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities recommends that the Council adopt the revised Statement of Licensing Policy attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

49. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

50. **Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 9.08 am)