

Report to: Council



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Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy 2026 - 2031

Report summary:

This report sets out the Licensing & Enforcement Committee recommendation to Council arising from their consideration of a report on 19 November 2025.

Note: The references in this report to Paper A relate to the relevant report considered by the Cabinet with recommendations for Full Council to consider and are appended to this report for reference.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy for the period 7 January 2026 to 6 January 2031.

Reason for recommendation:

It is a legal requirement of the Licensing Act 2003 for East Devon District Council to determine a Licensing Policy to provide a framework for all licence applications regarding the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision of late-night refreshment. The Policy was previously reviewed in 2020. The Policy must be reviewed at least every five years and therefore an amended Policy must be adopted by the 7 January 2026.

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