

Record of Decisions

Licensing Act 2003, Draft Licensing Statement of Principles (Licensing Policy) 2026-2031

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 14 July 2025.

Decision

That the draft Licensing Act Statement of Policy 2026 to 2031 be approved for public consultation.

Reason for the Decision

To meet the statutory requirement, as prescribed under section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, which requires the Licensing Authority to prepare and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy at least every five years.

Implementation

This decision will be implemented immediately.

Information

The Licensing Act 2003 requires Torbay Council, under its role as Licensing Authority, to review and publish a 'Statement of Licensing Principles' (the Licensing Policy), every five years. The Statement of Principles outlined how the Council would administer applications and regulate licensable activities. It also specified under what circumstances applications may be successful and the measures necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

At the meeting Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Jackie Thomas seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

There were no other options available, as the review of the Statement of Principles was a statutory requirement under the Licensing Act 2003.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet