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Dear Licensees

Consultation on Calderdale Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

Calderdale Council is undertaking a 28-day consultation on its Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Act 2003 regulates the sale and supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment, and the provision of late-night refreshment. The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy sets out how these activities will be regulated within Calderdale and the principles that will be applied when carrying out licensing functions.

The policy seeks to promote the four licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

This is the first comprehensive review of Calderdale's Statement of Licensing Policy since 2017 and has been undertaken to reflect changes in national policy, statutory guidance and local priorities. Key changes include:

- Incorporation of the latest Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- Consideration of the National Licensing Policy Framework 2025 and its emphasis on supporting responsible business growth, place-making, cultural activity and consumer choice.
- New sections covering Cumulative Impact Assessments, Early Morning Restriction Orders and the Late Night Levy.
- Enhanced guidance on drink spiking prevention, customer welfare and venue safety.

- New references to counter-terrorism awareness and training, reflecting emerging national requirements.

- Greater alignment with Calderdale Vision 2034, public health priorities, safeguarding arrangements and community safety objectives.

The draft policy was approved for consultation by the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 2 March 2026 and sets out the principles the Council proposes to apply when exercising its licensing functions over the next five years.

The Licensing Act 2003 does not permit licensing authorities to impose standard, model or blanket conditions on licensed premises. Each application must be determined on its own merits and any conditions imposed must be appropriate, proportionate and necessary for the promotion of one or more of the licensing objectives. Changes to licensing policy or national guidance cannot be applied retrospectively to existing licences. Whilst new policies and guidance may be taken into account when determining new applications, variations or reviews, licence holders cannot be required to adopt new conditions solely because a policy has changed since their licence was granted. Existing licences remain subject to the conditions and requirements that were in force at the time they were issued unless they are subsequently varied or reviewed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The consultation period will run from 1st October 2026 to 28th October 2026.

A copy of the draft policy can be viewed at:

https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/business-services/licences/entertainment/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences

How to Respond

Comments should be submitted to licensing@calderdale.gov.uk

We would be grateful if you could share this consultation with any individual or organisation who may have an interest in licensing matters within Calderdale.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and comment on the policy.

Yours faithfully,



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