

REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL – 21 JULY 2025

FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE – 30 APRIL 2025

CAMDEN'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2025 – 2030 UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

At its meeting on 30 April 2025, the Licensing Committee considered a report of the Director of Recreation in respect of Camden's Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 - 2030 under the Licensing Act 2003 (the "draft Policy"), which outlined the process the Council had followed to review and amend the current Policy.

Following the meeting of the Licensing Committee in November 2024, a statutory consultation had been undertaken on the draft Policy, which ran for 13 weeks. Officers reported that feedback from this consultation was described as broadly positive and constructive. Some consultees had made suggestions for improvements which were reflected in the revised draft Policy.

The Committee were provided an overview of the amendments made to the draft Policy in response to the feedback received during the consultation, which could be found at Appendix 3 of the report. During discussion of the report, the Committee requested the wording that stated that "in moderation, the consumption of alcohol can have health benefits" be removed from the draft Policy. Officers agreed to make this amendment and would ensure the policy reflected National Health Service and World Health Organisation guidance that alcohol consumption posed a health risk.

Following discussion of the report, it was

RESOLVED –

THAT the Licensing Committee:

- i) Note the consultation responses to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2025-2030; and
- ii) Recommend the draft Statement of Licensing Policy to Council for adoption, subject to the removal of the wording stating that "in moderation, the consumption of alcohol can have health benefits".

RECOMMENDATION –

That Council approves and adopts the draft Statement of Licensing Policy to Council for adoption, subject to the removal of the wording stating that "in moderation, the consumption of alcohol can have health benefits".

Councillor Jonathan Simpson MBE
Chair, Licensing Committee