

Council/Committee:	Council
Report Title	Annual Report of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub Committees for 2024-2025
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Wards Affected	N/A
Appendices	1. Annual Report of the Licensing Committee

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Licensing Committee is responsible for exercising the powers and duties of the Council with regard to licensing matters under relevant legislation set out in this report.
- 1.2 The committee is required to produce an annual report to Council detailing activities completed throughout the Municipal year including the outcomes of the Committee. A copy of the annual report is attached at Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Consider and note the Annual Report of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub Committees for 2024-2025.

3. Proposals – Reasons for the recommendations

- 3.1 To receive and approve the Licensing Committee annual report for the municipal year of 2024/25 and seek approval to submit the

annual report to Council.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 The Licensing Committee is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing the work undertaken throughout the year.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 None required.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

7. Legal and Governance Implications

- 7.1 Licensing Committee is responsible for the exercising of the powers and duties of the Council, i.e. those matters that are not the responsibility of the Executive/Cabinet, with regards to Licensing matters under the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 as extended by the Public Health Act 1875.

- 7.2 The Licensing Act 2003 (Alcohol Licensing) The Gambling Act 2005 (The Licensing of Gambling) and the Local Government Act 1972 (Licensing of Taxis) allow the Licensing Committee to arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by a sub-committee or an officer of the Licensing Authority in accordance with its terms of reference and officer scheme of delegation. Arrangements may provide for more than one sub-committee or officer to discharge the same functions concurrently.

8. Risks

- 8.1 There are no risks identified in relation to crime and disorder from the recommendation of this report.
- 8.2 The activity undertaken by Licensing Committee seeks to reduce instances of crime and disorder that may impact on residents and visitors of the Sandwell borough.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)

- 9.1 There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.

10. Other Relevant Implications

- 10.1 No other relevant implications arising from this report.

11. Background Documents

None

12. How does this deliver the objectives of the Strategic Themes?

- 12.1 The work of Licensing Committee contributes to the strategic theme of Living in Sandwell as the work enforces key council policies and provides an effective response to local issues as they arise to ensure residents feel safe and are protected.