

Slough Borough Council

Report To:	Licensing Sub-Committee
Date:	8 th December 2025
Subject:	Premises Licence Review Application – LA Study Pub, 312 High Street, Slough.
Chief Officer:	Tessa Lindfield, Director Public Health and Protection
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Ward(s):	All
Exempt:	NO - Part 1
Appendices:	Appendix A – Review application form Appendix B – Review application supporting documents Appendix C – Premises licence Appendix D – Police review advisory letter to Premises Licence Holder Appendix E – Further review application supporting document

1. Summary and Recommendations

- 1.1 This report sets out Thames Valley Police grounds to review the premise licence (PL0101) for LA Study Pub, 312 High Street, Slough, SL1 1NB. The review application has been made in accordance with section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Recommendations:

- 1.2 The Sub-Committee is recommended to:
- 1.2.1 Having had regard to the representations made by all parties, the Sub-Committee must consider what action, if any, is appropriate to take for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 1.2.2 Where the Sub-Committee considers action is appropriate the statutory options available are:
- (a) Modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition).
 - (b) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence.
 - (c) Remove the designated premises supervisor (if applicable), for example, because they consider that the problems are the result of poor management.
 - (d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months.

(e) Revoke the licence.

Reason: The Licensing Team cannot disregard or overturn a decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee, and the consideration of an application to review a premises licence is a function delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

2. Report

Introductory paragraph

- 2.1 As a quasi-judicial body the Sub-Committee is required to consider this matter on its merits and must act reasonably and rationally. The Sub-Committee can only consider relevant factors and must ignore irrelevant factors. The decision must be based on evidence, which logically shows the existence or non-existence of the relevant facts, or the likelihood or the unlikelihood of some future event, the occurrence of which would be relevant. The Sub-Committee must give fair consideration to the contentions of all persons entitled to make representation to them.
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee can only consider matters within the report and valid representations.
- 2.3 Members should note that the Sub-Committee is meeting on this occasion solely to perform the role of the Licensing Authority. As such Members should disregard the Council's broader policy objectives and role as statutory authority in other contexts. Members must direct themselves to making a determination solely based upon the licensing law, guidance and the Council's related policies and guidance.
- 2.4 Members will be aware of the Council's Code of Conduct which requires them to declare interests. The Code applies to members when considering licensing issues. In addition, as a quasi-judicial body, Members are required to avoid both actual bias and the appearance of bias.

Options considered

- 2.5 Consideration has been given to how the decision sought will help the Council meets its vision and corporate priorities, however the nature of the review application is outside the scope of these priorities.

Background

- 2.6 On 22 October 2025, Debie Pearmain, Police Licensing Officer, Thames Valley Police submitted a review application for LA Study Pub, 312 High Street, Slough, SL1 1NB (the "**Premises**"). The Premises currently hold the premises licence PL0101 for the following activities:

Supply of alcohol for consumption ON the premises only

Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00

Friday to Saturday: 11:00 – 01:00

Playing of recorded music (indoors)

Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00

Friday to Saturday: 11:00 – 01:00

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors and Outdoors)

Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00

Friday to Saturday: 11:00 – 01:00

Opening hours of the premises

Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 – 00:30

Friday to Saturday: 11:00 – 01:30

2.7 Thames Valley Police is a Responsible Authority for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the review application is shown at **Appendix A**, with its supporting documentation shown at **Appendix B**. The review application is on the grounds that the following licensing objective is not being met:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

2.7.1 The review application is made on the grounds that Thames Valley Police believe the Licensing Objectives have been and continue to be undermined as the Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) Mr Felix Calin is continually breaching several of his conditions on the Premises Licence and they request that:

2.7.2 Mr Felix Calin be removed from the licence with immediate effect

2.7.3 The premises licence should be immediately suspended for a period of time to ensure a new PLH and DPS are in place, and all licence conditions are in place and are being adhered to.

2.7.4 A full licence inspection to be completed by the Police Licensing Officer and Senior Licensing Officer, Slough Borough Council before the suspension is lifted.

2.7.5 A 'Yellow Card' be issued to the licensed premises by the Licensing Sub Committee. Information on the Yellow Card/Red Card scheme is published on pages 36 and 37 of the Statement of Licensing policy 2024-2029 a link to which can be found in Section 4 Background Papers of this report.

Their application can be summarised as follows:

2.7.6 **06 April 2025** – Observation of people playing poker

2.7.7 **16 May 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.7.8 **03 June 2025** – Meeting – warning letter issued for licence breaches

2.7.9 **05 June 2025** – Breach of Licence condition

2.7.10 **01 August 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.7.11 **07 August 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.7.12 **06 September 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.7.13 **30 September 2025** – Meeting – DPS failed to attend

2.7.14 **02 October 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.7.15 **08 October 2025** – Meeting – DPS failed to attend

2.7.16 **11 October 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.7.17 **15 October 2025** – Meeting – DPS advised of pending review application

2.7.18 **17 October 2025** - Breach of Licence conditions

2.8 On 13 November 2025 Debie Pearmain, Police Licensing Officer, Thames Valley Police submitted further evidence supporting the review application. This can be summarised as follows:

2.8.1 **25 October 2025** – Breach of Licence conditions

2.8.2 **13 November 2005** – Intelligence regarding illegal gambling

2.9 The Section 182 Statutory Guidance (the “**Statutory Guidance**”) states at paragraph

2.9.1 11.18 *“However, where responsible authorities such as the police or environmental health officers have already issued warnings requiring improvement – either orally or in writing – that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to address concerns, licensing authorities should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account when considering what further action is appropriate.”*

2.9.2 11.27 *There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:*

- *for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;*
- *for the sale and distribution of illegal firearms;*
- *for the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music, which does considerable damage to the industries affected;*
- *for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;*
- *for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;*
- *by organised groups of paedophiles to groom children;*
- *as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs;*
- *for the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks;*
- *for employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK;*
- *for unlawful gambling; and*
- *for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.*

- 2.9.3 11.28 *It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered.*

3. Implications of the Recommendation

3.1 Financial implications

- 3.1.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.

3.2 Legal implications

- 3.2.1 Under Part 3.4 of the Council's Constitution (23rd January 2025), the determination of all functions under the Licensing Act 2003 that are not reserved to Full Council are the responsibility of the Licensing Committee, with the determination of licensing applications further delegated to a Sub-Committee.
- 3.2.2 The Sub-Committee must have regard to the amended Secretary of States guidance issued in February 2025 under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, specifically, Chapter 11 (Reviews). Regard should be had to paragraphs 8.7 (listing the Police as a Responsible Authority), 11.01-11.29 (Reviews).
- 3.2.3 The Sub-Committee must also have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2024-2029.

3.3 Risk management implications

- 3.3.1 Consideration has given to risk management implications however the nature of the decision is outside the scope of these priorities.

3.4 Environmental implications

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3.5 Equality implications

- 3.5.1 The Sub-Committee should be aware of and consider any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998 and section 149 Equality Act 2010. The legislation makes it unlawful for a public authority to act in a manner which is incompatible with the European Convention of Human Rights.
- 3.5.2 When determining the case and considering imposition of conditions the Sub-Committee must be satisfied that any decision which interferes with the rights of the applicant or of others, only does so insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights of others and that no alternative decision would be appropriate.

3.5.3 The Sub-Committee is specifically referred to the following Convention rights:

- (i) Article 6 (the right to a fair trial),
- (ii) Article 8 (the right to respect for private and family life)
- (iii) Article 1 of the First Protocol (the protection of property)

4. Background Papers

- [The Licensing Act 2003](#)
- [Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 \(February 2025\)](#)
- <https://www.slough.gov.uk/downloads/download/1290/statement-of-licensing-policy-2024-2029>