

The Licensing Committee

With the exception¹ of

- any function of the licensing authority under the Licensing Act 2003 (the 2003 Act), the Gambling Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), or the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) reserved to full Council;² or
- any licensing function where full Council has referred a matter to another committee,³

the Licensing Committee is authorised to discharge⁴ the following functions⁵:

1. to discharge the licensing functions of the licensing authority;⁶
- 2.1 to discharge any other function of the authority referred to it by full Council;⁷
- 2.2 pursuant to the provision in section 2.1 above full Council has delegated to the Licensing Committee the following functions:
 - 2.2.1 Hackney carriages and private hire vehicles⁸
 - 2.2.2 Sexual entertainment venues, sex shops and sex cinemas⁹
 - 2.2.3 Performances of hypnotism¹⁰
 - 2.2.4 Charitable collections¹¹
 - 2.2.5 The late night levy¹²

¹ In accordance with Section 7(2) of the 2003 Act or s154 (2) (a) and (c) of the 2005 Act.

² Part 3, Section 2A of the Constitution sets out functions of the licensing authority reserved to full Council, as licensing authority under the 2003 Act, 2005 Act or 2011 Act.

³ Under the provisions of Section 7(5)(a) of the 2003 Act.

⁴ The Committee may arrange for any of its functions to be discharged by one or more sub-committees, or by an officer, subject to the exceptions set out in Section 10(4) of the 2003 Act; see also Section 154 of the 2005 Act.

⁵ 'Functions' for these purposes shall be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion and shall include the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of the specified functions.

⁶ This includes the power to set fees under Section 212 of the 2005 Act

⁷ Full Council may arrange for the Licensing Committee to discharge any function of the authority which relates to a matter referred to the Committee but is not a licensing function (Section 7(3)). It may also refer a matter to the Committee where a matter relates to both a licensing function and to a function of the authority which is not a licensing function, and arrange for the Committee to discharge the other function (Section 7(5)(b) of the 2003 Act). Before exercising this power, the Council must consult with the Committee.

⁸ Item 3 – 5 of Para. B of Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 ("the 2000 Regulations")

⁹ Item 15 of Para. B of Schedule 1 to the 2000 Regulations and Section 27 Policing and Crime Act 2009 and Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

¹⁰ Item 16 of Para. B of Schedule 1 to the 2000 Regulations

¹¹ Item 39 of Para. B of Schedule 1 to the 2000 Regulations

¹² In accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the 2011 Act including decisions in relation to the late night supply period, permitted exemption categories and permitted reduction categories in accordance with Sections 132 and 133 of that Act.

Council Committees' Terms of Reference

- 3 in respect of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration which they may grant,
 - (a) To impose conditions limitations or restrictions;
 - (b) To determine any terms;
 - (c) To determine whether and how to enforce any failure to comply;
 - (d) To amend, modify, vary or revoke;
 - (e) To determine whether a charge should be made or the amount of such a charge.
4. to make recommendations to full Council in connection with the discharge of its functions as licensing authority;¹³ and
5. to receive reports from, and to make recommendations and representations to other committees or bodies as appropriate.¹⁴

¹³ Including recommendations arising from the monitoring of the operation and impact of the Licensing or Gambling Policy by the Licensing Committee.

¹⁴ Where the licensing authority exercises its power under Section 7(5) (a) of the 2003 Act the other Committee must consider a report of the Licensing Committee. Where the Council does not make arrangements under Section 7(3), it must (unless the matter is urgent) consider a report of the Licensing Committee with respect to the matter before discharging the function (Section 7(4)).