

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 4, Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy 2025

| Will the decision/proposal impact...   | Impact  | If an impact or potential impacts are identified:  |   |  |   |
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|  |         | Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors. | Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.  | Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts | Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out |
| Emissions from non-domestic buildings? | Unknown |  | <p>Environmental best practice guidance included in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy as drafted for consultation advises on measures to improve licensed premises' energy efficiency.</p> <p>Best practice guidance is not enforceable, unlike minimum standards provided in the Council's licensing policy and required by the Licensing Act 2003. It is unknown how businesses will apply such voluntary guidance.</p> |  |   |
| Emissions from transport?              | Unknown |  | <p>Environmental best practice guidance advises on measures to minimise licensed premises' and events' impact on road traffic. As above, this guidance is voluntary and cannot be enforced, so its carbon impact is unknown.</p>  |  |   |

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| Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?  | Unknown |  | Environmental best practice guidance advises on measures to minimise waste and apply a waste hierarchy which prioritises reuse before recycling. As above, this guidance is voluntary and cannot be enforced, so its carbon impact is unknown. Simpler recycling regulations will soon require all businesses which produce 'household-like' waste to separate recycling and food from residual waste. |  |  |
| Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?  | None    |  |  |  |  |
| Emissions from construction and/or development?   | None    |  |  |  |  |
| Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?  | None    |  |  |  |  |
| Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: |         |  |  |  |  |

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

The Council's proposed Licensing Policy as drafted for consultation is to provide licence holders and applicants with details of good practice which includes rehearsal of written contingency plans. This may promote the safety of staff and customers in the event of extreme weather and other hazards associated with climate change, notably flooding, extreme heat or the interruption of power supply due to increasingly frequent and powerful storms.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The decision to which this assessment relates involves Cabinet giving approval for the approval and subsequent adoption of the Licensing Act 2003 Policy. Although the policy is guidance, it is recognised that the policy may have an impact on climate change as it makes reference to the adoption of environmental best practice, energy efficiency and waste management. All of these impacts are considered to be positive in nature and therefore the impact on emissions and climate change is expected to be a positive one. The completion of this assessment has ensured that climate / emissions impact has been considered as part of the development of the draft policy.

Supporting information:

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| Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment. |  |
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| If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts. |  |
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