

Licensing Policy

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1. Are you responding as				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	A Wokingham borough resident		83.33%	30
2	An elected borough councillor		11.11%	4
3	A town or parish councillor		2.78%	1
4	Representing an organisation		0.00%	0
5	Completing the survey for someone else		0.00%	0
6	Other (please specify):		2.78%	1
			answered	36
			skipped	0
Other (please specify): (1)				
1	06/01/2024 13:44 PM ID: 234887025	and a union member		

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2. If you are representing an organisation or individual, please tell us more, such as the name of the organisation				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		0.00%	0
No answers found.				
			answered	0
			skipped	36

4. Model conditions

3. Do you agree with the statement that the inclusion of a model pool of licence conditions will support residents, businesses and councillors in identifying appropriate measures for bespoke licence applications to support the licensing objectives?



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		85.71%	30
2	No		14.29%	5
			answered	35
			skipped	1

Do you have any comments about this?: (8)

1	19/11/2023 16:26 PM ID: 231767974	with some amendments
2	30/11/2023 09:25 AM ID: 232818786	I think it will be used to refuse applications when there is no need. It will turn down applications for the slightest thing. Computer says no. Gives no leeway for common sense or experience. It will be box ticking only not a considered decision.
3	05/12/2023 23:36 PM ID: 233201258	Why change a scheme that already works well. Save money and scrap it.
4	12/12/2023 08:43 AM ID: 233737470	Anything that makes applying for and getting licence, under the right circumstances, will be helpful.
5	03/01/2024 15:52 PM ID: 234724832	Not sure what the question means
6	04/01/2024 08:29 AM ID: 234744566	Just more weasel word survey that the average resident won't likely respond to.
7	06/01/2024 11:49 AM ID: 234882772	A model pool of licence conditions is a good place to start to make changes for individual circumstances
8	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	It would behelpful if the model pool was presented in the form of a flow chart with questions/decision points to make it easier for businesses to identify which of the 28 sections in App B apply to them.

5. Pre-Application Advice Service

4. Do you agree with the statement that the introduction of a pre-application service will help promote responsible business and make Wokingham thrive?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		83.33%	30
2	No		16.67%	6
			answered	36
			skipped	0

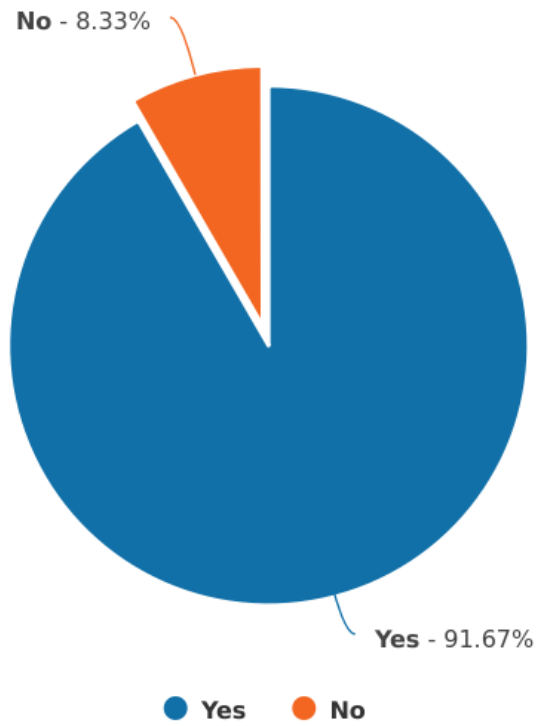
Do you have any comments about this?: (10)

4. Do you agree with the statement that the introduction of a pre-application service will help promote responsible business and make Wokingham thrive?

1	20/11/2023 11:31 AM ID: 231807366	No further comments
2	30/11/2023 09:25 AM ID: 232818786	Yes another cost on a business that they do not need.
3	05/12/2023 23:36 PM ID: 233201258	Worked before, stop wasting money on pointless new roles and surveys.do your job
4	12/12/2023 08:43 AM ID: 233737470	As long as the cost is appropriate this seems like a good idea
5	12/12/2023 15:39 PM ID: 233779562	anything to make Wokingham a proper market town
6	03/01/2024 15:52 PM ID: 234724832	I think WBC have made their decision.
7	04/01/2024 08:29 AM ID: 234744566	This won't help Wokingham businesses thrive. Stopping the parking police prosecuting as many members of the public as possible might help.
8	06/01/2024 11:49 AM ID: 234882772	Helping people to do the right thing and the thing right is always good
9	06/01/2024 15:53 PM ID: 234891430	Presumably this can be part of a continuing service which supports licensed businesses and monitors their conformance to license conditions.
10	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	TBC whether it will 'make Wokingham thrive' but should support businesses in understanding the objectives of the licensing and support compliance

6. Women's safety in the night time economy

5. Do you think that Wokingham's Statement of Licensing Policy should include best practice to support women's safety in the night time economy?





Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	91.67%	33
2	No	8.33%	3
		answered	36
		skipped	0

Do you have any comments about this? (22)

1	06/11/2023 15:55 PM ID: 230743196	The policy should be amended so that all new alcohol licenses must have a condition whereby the employer provides free transport home for anyone working after 11:30pm.
2	19/11/2023 13:34 PM ID: 231761523	The Council should amend policy so that all new alcohol licenses must have a condition whereby the licensee must provide free transport home for anyone working after 11pm.
3	19/11/2023 15:58 PM ID: 231767049	Please include the requirement for employers to provide safe transport home for their staff after 11pm
4	19/11/2023 16:26 PM ID: 231767974	Additional safeguards needed eg new applications for licences to include paid for travel for staff after public transport has ceased. Employers should provide taxi or minibus door to door for staff in the night time economy. Another suggestion - for current licence holders night time buses could be asked to drop passengers off at request near homes not just at defined bus stops. Other cities do this
5	19/11/2023 21:52 PM ID: 231779200	A condition of the licence should be that female workers should be provided with safe transport home if they finish after 11pm
6	20/11/2023 11:31 AM ID: 231807366	Businesses should provide a taxi free of charge to take staff home after 11pm and when public transport is not available.
7	22/11/2023 08:07 AM ID: 232098793	The policy should be amended so that all new alcohol licenses must have a condition whereby the licensee must provide free transport home for anyone working after 11pm.
8	28/11/2023 16:41 PM ID: 232669370	I'd like WBC to amend the policy so that all new alcohol licensees must have a condition whereby the licensee must provide free transport home for anyone working after 11pm.
9	30/11/2023 09:25 AM ID: 232818786	It won't make any difference though. Police don't take this issue seriously. There is an attitude that it is all the woman's fault anyway.
10	12/12/2023 08:43 AM ID: 233737470	Not limited to women. Safety for everyone.
11	12/12/2023 15:39 PM ID: 233779562	paramount
12	03/01/2024 15:52 PM ID: 234724832	Should support everyone's safety
13	06/01/2024 10:46 AM ID: 234881065	<p>In my opinion the Council has a responsibility and a duty of care to Wokingham residents and their families who work in the hospitality/licensed premises, as well as customers/users of such premises, to ensure that the policy requires all new alcohol licenses, and those existing licence holders where the process requires these to be renewed/extended, must meet the obligations requirements of an enforceable condition whereby the licensee/premises owner or operator must provide free transport home for anyone working after 11pm.</p> <p>This should be extended to those who finish work close to 11.00pm where no public transport is readily available to their place of residence and should also be at no cost to the employee.</p>
14	06/01/2024 11:49 AM ID: 234882772	<p>This would benefit all workers but it would particularly benefit women, to protect them from potential harassment or violence.</p> <p>Businesses may want to pool their resources to get women home safely.</p>
15	06/01/2024 12:23 PM ID: 234884475	Transport home needed for staff
16	06/01/2024 13:44 PM ID: 234887025	I want to emphasize my support for the Get Me Home campaign to make sure license holders are required to provide transport home at night for their staff it should be a requirement for a licensee.
17	06/01/2024 13:50 PM ID: 234888246	It should include protection for ALL employees, as young men are at greater risk from violence than anyone else. Years ago one of my sons was always provided with a taxi home when working late as a barman for Reading Borough. This was a huge relief to both him and his parents.
18	06/01/2024 15:53 PM ID: 234891430	I hope that the excellent Ask for Angela campaign doesn't discriminate against anyone called Angela working in a bar 😊

		I support a suggestion that all new alcohol licenses must have a condition whereby the licensee must provide free transport home for anyone working after 11pm, which would be especially beneficial to women. Any business operating after that time would surely be doing well enough to absorb the cost.
19	07/01/2024 18:53 PM ID: 234919224	The policy should be amended to ensure all new licensees should provide transport home for employees working after 11pm
20	08/01/2024 09:09 AM ID: 234930404	Definitely! I have experienced harassment whilst travelling on public transport due to working shifts
21	08/01/2024 11:04 AM ID: 234939348	The policy should include a requirement that all new alcohol licenses must include a condition whereby the licensee must provide free transport home for anyone working after 11pm. There must not be an option to give a cash/money alternative as this would encourage people on limited means to opt for the money and put themselves at risk. It could include walking home with someone who lived close. The transport must be safe - ie the use of taxis/mini cabs registered with the council or being run home by another member of staff/owner of the licensed premises.
22	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	This should include guidance/ requirements round how employees of businesses get home safely from work late at night. For example, Reading Hexagon provides taxis for staff leaving work after 11pm and have built a relationship with reliable cab companies (Found this out when they ordered a taxi for me as a customer after the panto, that picked my family up from the stage door. Felt safe having a 'vouched for ' cab company and no need to walk through dark streets)

7. Best Bar None



6. Do you agree with the statement that the Best Bar None accreditation and awards program will promote responsible management of liquor-licensed premises?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		83.33%	30
2	No		16.67%	6
			answered	36
			skipped	0
Do you have any comments about this? (8)				
1	30/11/2023 09:25 AM ID: 232818786	Meaningless babble. Extra hoops and costs, more admin. Money better spent on providing proper services to residents.		
2	05/12/2023 23:36 PM ID: 233201258	Let pubs self regulate and get back to doing what a council should do.waste of more money		
3	12/12/2023 15:39 PM ID: 233779562	who will check all these items? more staff required?		
4	06/01/2024 10:46 AM ID: 234881065	I disagree as it is not clear that sufficient funding will be provide or be available in the current environment to deliver on these commitments/requirements for assessments.		
5	06/01/2024 11:49 AM ID: 234882772	So long as businesses have to focus on the policy rather than achieving the check list		
6	08/01/2024 09:09 AM ID: 234930404	It will promote it and put the message out there as a deterrent to those who make life miserable for women		

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7	08/01/2024 11:04 AM ID: 234939348	All licensed premises should meet the conditions for responsible management as set out above. The standards should be high and trained assessors/inspectors should check all premises and if they do not meet the requirements action should be taken. The council is short of money and needs to use it wisely. If the license conditions are good enough, then inspectors are needed to ensure they are adhered to. Good reputation is better than any display of BBN!!!
8	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	WBC should encourage Town and Parish Councils to promote the scheme in their areas.

8. General feedback

7. Does this new policy adequately inform elected members of the Licensing Committee of the powers attributed to them by the Act and to highlight the boundaries within which to make decisions?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		75.00%	24
2	No		25.00%	8
			answered	32
			skipped	4

Do you have any comments about this? (7)

1	20/11/2023 11:31 AM ID: 231807366	Yes but I am no expert on licensing laws.
2	12/12/2023 08:43 AM ID: 233737470	I don't have enough information to answer this question.
3	12/12/2023 15:39 PM ID: 233779562	a tentative 'yes' as any written instruction can invariably be subject o scrutiny, and flaws revealed. Cannot include every aspect...
4	04/01/2024 08:29 AM ID: 234744566	How would I know ?
5	06/01/2024 15:53 PM ID: 234891430	TBH I've no idea if it does, but it obviously needs to and should be modified as necessary so that it does.
6	08/01/2024 11:04 AM ID: 234939348	I would hope so - but am probably not qualified to answer a definite 'yes' or 'no' to this question.
7	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	This is a sound start for elected members - but will need to be supplemented by 'real life' experience around areas of discretion.

8. Have you got any experiences locally, good or bad, that might help us when we are thinking about future licensing activity such as policy or service development?

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1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	13
1	06/11/2023 15:55 PM ID: 230743196	Free transport home for workers in the hospitality industry working late at night would benefit all workers but would particularly benefit women, to protect them from potential harassment or violence. No-one should have to worry about walking home safely after dark. This would tie in with the Council's aim to be White Ribbon accredited.	
2	19/11/2023 13:34 PM ID: 231761523	None	
3	19/11/2023 16:26 PM ID: 231767974	Engage regularly with stakeholders. This is a policy about preventative issues, not just policing	
4	20/11/2023 11:31 AM ID: 231807366	No	
5	12/12/2023 15:39 PM ID: 233779562	no	
6	04/01/2024 08:29 AM ID: 234744566	Where there is anti social behaviour, which I have had experience of. The Anti Social Behaviour team after being notified took 2 weeks to respond. This make a mockery of having such a team.	
7	05/01/2024 08:54 AM ID: 234826159	NO	
8	06/01/2024 11:49 AM ID: 234882772	No, not recently	
9	06/01/2024 15:53 PM ID: 234891430	No.	
10	06/01/2024 18:16 PM ID: 234895536	Yes - the impact of a licence on the neighbours of a premise (especially live music) should be considered over the desire for the premise to make money. If there are neighbours within 25 metres of a premise there should be no live music.	
11	08/01/2024 09:09 AM ID: 234930404	Anti social behaviour is on the increase due to various reasons, and women are easy targets. Not helped by social media - a massive influence on the attitude younger men seem to be adopting towards women	
12	08/01/2024 11:04 AM ID: 234939348	No	
13	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	No	
		answered	13
		skipped	23

9. Have you got any other comments you'd like to add?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	13
1	19/11/2023 13:34 PM ID: 231761523	None	

9. Have you got any other comments you'd like to add?

2	19/11/2023 16:26 PM ID: 231767974	References to drugs and cigarettes for younger people should include vapes	
3	20/11/2023 11:31 AM ID: 231807366	No	
4	22/11/2023 08:07 AM ID: 232098793	N/A	
5	30/11/2023 09:25 AM ID: 232818786	Why are you wasting time and money on this nonsense? Most premises are just fine as they are.	
6	03/01/2024 13:53 PM ID: 234712855	Whilst I can appreciate the thinking behind this, I do not see it as a priority and just want the authority to concentrate on delivering the basic needs of all residents to a high standard.	
7	04/01/2024 08:29 AM ID: 234744566	This is a very poorly constructed survey and not clear what it is trying to accomplish	
8	06/01/2024 12:23 PM ID: 234884475	Clamp down hard on offenders and revoke their licenses.	
9	06/01/2024 15:53 PM ID: 234891430	It look a good piece of work to me. It's nice to know that some aspects of politics and government are working.	
10	06/01/2024 18:16 PM ID: 234895536	It is important that complaints from local residents are taken seriously when they are unable to sleep in their own beds after 10.30pm due to live music.	
11	08/01/2024 09:09 AM ID: 234930404	Due to cuts in public services, people being convicted is taking too long plus mental health services have been so drastically cut by the current government, I just can't see an quick way to fix it. Also, the media is responsible for the hatred, what can be done about accountability with regards to newspapers (for example), printing false information?	
12	08/01/2024 11:04 AM ID: 234939348	No	
13	08/01/2024 13:43 PM ID: 234952802	Note that the whole document needs to be checked regarding the spelling /appropriate use of 'licence' (noun) and license (verb). I started making a note but there were too many errors - see for example paras 7.19, 7.20, 13.12, 13.8, 18.0, 34.1. Given that WBC is responsible for schools in the Borough it would be good if we could get this right!	
		answered	13
		skipped	23

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