

Licensing Service Priorities 2024/25

Listed below are the priority workstreams that will be undertaken by the Licensing Service during 2024/25.

These workstreams support those set out in the Environment Department's high-level Business Plan 2024/25 which, in turn, supports the delivery of the City of London's Corporate Plan and other key corporate strategies, programmes and policies.

1. Deliver the Licensing Service within the context of Destination City and with a business-friendly approach.
2. Publish a refreshed Street Trading Policy (by 31 March 2025).
3. Carry out a mapping project to identify streets, spaces or areas of The City that could be suitable for markets, events, later licensing hours or more licensed premises as a tool for potential investors to the City.
4. Enhance and relaunch the City of London Safety Thirst accreditation scheme, realigned with the new Licensing Code of Good Practice.
5. Review and re-publish the City of London Statement of Licensing Principles under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.
6. Implement the provisions of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (subject to pending government regulations) in respect of the Business and Planning Act 2020, and a permanent pavement licence regime.
7. Review the City of London's Al Fresco Eating and Drinking Policy following permanency of the pavement licence regime.
8. Review the Licensing pages of the City of London website to ensure up-to-date and accurate information is available to users.
9. Enhance the licensing back-office software (Idox Uniform) to further underpin the management of the Licensing Service.
10. Determine the financial implications for licensing income generally and determine annual fees for each of the licensing categories.