

Licensing Service Priorities 2025/26

Listed below are the priority workstreams that will be undertaken by the Licensing Service during 2025/26.

These workstreams support those set out in the Environment Department's high-level Business Plan 2025-30 which, in turn, supports the delivery of the Corporate Plan 2024-29; the Destination City programme, and other key corporate strategies, programmes and policies.

1. Deliver the Licensing Service within the context of Destination City and with a balanced approach, taking into account the needs of all stakeholders – residents, business, workers and the public.
2. Prepare, consult and publish a refreshed Street Trading Policy (by 31 March 2026).
3. Implement the new requirements of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – 'Martyn's Law' as the Licensing Authority and work with the new Regulator, CoLP and other relevant bodies as it develops.
4. Run the City of London Safety Thirst accreditation scheme, refreshed annually and aligned with the 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 following the release of Government Guidance expected in 2025.
6. Continue to refresh and develop the Licensing mapping project to identify useful data sets which provide insights into streets, spaces or areas of the City that could be suitable for markets, events, adapted licensing hours or more licensed premises as a tool for potential investors to the City and other stakeholders.
7. Review the implementation and fee setting of the City of London's Al Fresco Eating and Drinking Policy following permanency of the pavement licence regime.
8. Evaluate options for electronic licensing application forms to replace Gov.uk when it is phased out to enhance the licensing back-office to further underpin the management of the Licensing Service.
9. Determine the financial implications for licensing income generally and determine annual fees for each of the licensing categories.