

APPENDIX B

Comparison of main changes: Licensing Policy 2021–2026 vs Consultation Draft 2026–2031

Topic/Section	2021–2026 Policy	2026–2031 Draft	Nature of Change
Introduction	Focus on statutory objectives, minimal changes due to COVID-19, commitment to review later.	Expanded ambitions linked to Council Plan 2024–2027, emphasis on wellbeing, regeneration, and safe environments.	Updated
Integration of Policies	Basic reference to Council strategies, less emphasis on public health and partnership working.	Detailed integration with SSP, GM Drug & Alcohol Strategy, equality, sustainability, and public health.	Updated
Planning and Licensed Premises	Standard separation of planning and licensing, no mention of Agent of Change principle.	Introduces Agent of Change principle and proactive engagement with planning.	Updated
Public Health	Acknowledged but not integrated into licensing decisions.	Strong collaboration with Public Health, data sharing, Licensing Data Matrix introduced.	Updated
Cumulative Impact	No policy in place, same as current.	Still no policy but detailed explanation and considerations.	Updated
Late Night Levy	No levy proposed.	Still no levy but detailed rationale and consultation process outlined.	Updated
Early Morning Restriction Orders	No EMRO proposed.	Still no EMRO but detailed guidance	Updated

		on when it might apply.	
Enforcement	Risk-based approach, partnership working, similar to current but less detail on proactive engagement.	Enhanced risk-based approach, proactive engagement, education, and performance improvement plans.	Updated
New Initiatives	Not present in 2021–2026 policy	Ask for Angela, Martyn’s Law (counter-terrorism), drink spiking prevention, water safety, sustainability.	Added
Structure and format	Standard word document	Aligned with corporate vision	Updated
Glossary	Not present	Provided for clarity	Updated
Model conditions	Not present	Enhances and clarifies expectations around wording of conditions	Future update (model conditions to be consulted upon separately)