Review of Ceredigion County Council

Statement of Licensing Policy

2026-2031

Ceredigion County Council is scheduled to undertake its routine review of the Licensing Policy by January 2026.

Licensing Act policies must be reviewed every five years to ensure that the policy remains legally valid and reflects current national guidance, local priorities, and evolving community needs. Regular reviews help maintain relevance to the four statutory licensing objectives: preventing crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, preventing public nuisance, and protecting children from harm.

The review process also promotes transparency and accountability by involving consultation with key stakeholders such as the police, fire services, public health bodies, businesses, and residents. This engagement ensures that the policy is informed by a broad range of perspectives and remains responsive to local concerns, such as changes in nightlife, public health trends, or enforcement challenges. The five-year review cycle helps licensing authorities maintain effective, balanced, and community-focused regulation.

The main changes to the document are:

* Policy updated to increase references to personal safety and vulnerability (paragraph 8.5);
* Policy updated to include references to new workplace recycling requirements (paragraphs 10.2.1 to 10.2.3);
* Policy updated to include references to Martyn’s Law (paragraph 11.5);
* Policy updated to include new references to proxy sales (paragraph 12.8) and employment of children (paragraph 12.10);
* Addition in relation to large scale events (paragraph 20);
* Addition in relation to designated premises supervisors (paragraph 21);
* Addition in relation to beer gardens (paragraph 22); and
* Addition of pool of model conditions (Appendix C).

Survey

1. How are you responding to this consultation? (you can tick more than one box)

* As a Ceredigion resident
* As a resident from elsewhere
* As a town / community / county councillor in Ceredigion
* On behalf of a town or community council in Ceredigion
* As a representative of a local community group or charity
* On behalf of an educational establishment, such as a school or college
* On behalf of a business in Ceredigion
* Something else, please tell us:

2. Overall, do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to the Licensing Policy?

* Agree
* Disagree

3. Do you believe that the proposed changes will help us to meet the four statutory licensing objectives: preventing crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, preventing public nuisance, and protecting children from harm?

* Yes
* No

4. Are there any particular changes that you wish to comment on?

5. Are there any particular changes that you think should be made but that have not been included in the review?

Welsh Language Impact Questions

In Wales, the law requires us to ask the following questions about impact on the Welsh language. These are voluntary questions, you don’t have to answer them.

1. Do you think that the review of Ceredigion County Council’s *Statement of Licensing Policy* will have an effect on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on the status of the Welsh language in the community?
* Yes, a positive effect.
* Yes, a negative effect.
* It will not have an effect.
1. Please use the space below to add further comments about the effect on the Welsh language.
2. Do you think this proposal could be revised to increase any positive effects or reduce any negative effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on the status of the Welsh language in the community? If so, how?

Equality Monitoring Questions

You do not have to answer these questions. They help us to check that we have collected the views of a broad range of people that truly reflect the population in Ceredigion. The information will only be used for statistical analysis.

1. How old are you?
	* 0-15
	* 16-24
	* 25-44
	* 45-64
	* 65+
	* I prefer not to say
2. What is your sex?

A question about gender identity will follow.

* + Man
	+ Woman
	+ Non-binary
	+ I prefer not to say
1. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?
* Yes
* No
* I prefer not to say
1. Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?
	* Heterosexual/straight
	* Gay, Lesbian or Queer
	* Bisexual
	* Another sexual orientation
	* I prefer not to say
2. How would you describe your national identity?
	* British
	* Cornish
	* English
	* Northern Irish
	* Scottish
	* Welsh
	* Another national identity
	* I prefer not to say
3. How would you describe your ethnic group?
	* Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh
	* Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African
	* Mixed or Multiple ethnic
	* White
	* Another ethnic group
	* I prefer not to say
4. What is your religion or belief?
	* Christian
	* Buddhist
	* Hindu
	* Jewish
	* Muslim
	* Sikh
	* No religion
	* Other religion or belief
	* I prefer not to say
5. Have you previously served in the UK Armed Forces? (current serving members should tick 'no')
	* Yes, in the Regular Armed Forces
	* Yes, in the Reserve Armed Forces
	* No
	* I prefer not to say
6. Do have a long term physical or mental health condition or illness that reduces your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?
	* Yes, my day-to-day activities are limited a lot
	* Yes, my day-to-day activities are limited a little
	* No
	* I prefer not to say
7. What is your preferred language?
	* Welsh
	* English
	* I prefer not to say
8. Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh?
* Understand spoken Welsh
	+ Speak Welsh
	+ Read Welsh
	+ Write Welsh
	+ None of the above
	+ I prefer not to say

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Returning this Survey

Thank you for sharing your views with us. Your response will contribute to our revised Statement of Licencing Policy 2026 -2031.

Please return this survey to your local library or to:

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If you have any queries about this consultation, please contact us on 01545 570881 or by email: licensing@ceredigion.gov.uk.

What happens next?

This consultation closes on 1st December 2025.

We will analyse the results of the consultation and amend the policy where appropriate.

The draft policy will be presented to a meeting of Ceredigion Council for approval on 22nd January 2026.