

## REGULATORY COMMITTEE

*At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 in the  
The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes*

Present: Councillors Wallace (Chair), Abbott (Vice-Chair), Begg, Bramwell,  
K. Loftus, Nelson and Stockton

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fry and Hughes

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: E. Wilson-Lagan, K. Hesketh and C. Harrison

Also in attendance: None

### ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

#### REG3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2025 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

#### REG4 LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee received a report setting out the results of consultation exercise on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (“the draft Policy”) which had been considered by Members at the previous Regulatory Meeting on 2 July 2025. The current Policy was due to expire on 6 January 2026 and a new policy needed to be in place by 7 January 2026. One consultation response had been received by Cheshire Police which proposed that the reference to the Arc-Angel scheme at paragraph 103 in the draft Policy be removed as this scheme was no longer in force and replaced by the recognised schemes that are currently in place, namely Best Bar None and Licensing Savi.

As this amendment was minor and not one of substance, Officers did not consider it was necessary to consult and recommended the draft Policy be updated

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with the amendment proposed by Cheshire Police. The Committee agreed and approved the draft Statement of Policy with the minor amendment by Cheshire Police and recommended it be adopted by Council accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approve:

- 1) the draft Statement of Licensing Policy, as set out in Appendix A, and that it be recommended to full Council for adoption; and
- 2) an appropriate form of wording for the Council resolution would be "The Council"
  - a) adopts the Statement of Licensing Policy attached to the report to come into effect immediately following the expiry of the current policy on 6 January 2026; and
  - b) the Director of Legal and Democratic Services publishes the Statement in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Director, Legal  
and Democratic  
Services

*Meeting ended at 6.54 p.m.*