

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

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meeting date: 30 JANUARY 2024  
title: LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CRIME, POLICING  
AND FIRE  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To distribute a letter addressed to Licensing Committees, circulated by the Alcohol Policy Team of the Home Office dated 15 January 2023 but circulated on 16 January 2024.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives                    }
  - Corporate Priorities                     }
  - Other Considerations                    }
- Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well managed Council.

## 2 ISSUES

2.1 A letter dated 15 January 2023 has been received from the Home Office, with a request for circulation to Licensing Committee Members. A copy of the letter can be found at Appendix 1.

2.2 The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021–2026 recognises the need for separation of the planning and licensing functions of the Council, to avoid duplication and possible conflicts of interest. Neither Committee is bound by a decision made by the other. However, where applications are made in respect of licensed premises, there is communication between the two departments. If there are conflicting terminal hours for premises between a planning permission and a licence, the licence holder must observe the earlier closing time.

2.3 The principle of agents of change applies to the licensing and planning regimes, in that, normally, an applicant who is introducing a new activity to a neighbourhood should take appropriate steps to mitigate the impact of that activity on existing residents or businesses.

### 3 **CONCLUSION**

3.1 Recommended that Committee note the content of the letter dated 15 January 2023.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

(If any)

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