

CIEH Licensing Conference

Half-day conference: Thursday 5 November 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: TBC

09.35 **Keynote – What are the Institute of Licensing’s priorities and challenges for devolution?**

Speaker: James Button, President, Institute of Licensing (IoL)

10.10 **Legislative update 2026/27: what do we need to know over the next 12 months?**

- What has changed in Law?
- Further insight on the Licensing Act and the role of the GLA, Digital ID, Gambling changes and the use of Gambling Impact Assessments, the Draft Taxi Bill, charity collections and street management

Speakers:

- Sue Nelson, Director of Policy and Stakeholders, Institute of Licensing (IoL)
- TBC

10.50 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11.15 **Major policy focus: The Tobacco and Vapes Act – what licensing authorities need to prepare for**

- How do councils implement this specific legislation?
- Discussions around operational readiness, local authority responsibilities, implementation timelines and how licensing teams should begin planning

Speakers:

- Daniel Askew, Public Affairs Manager – Product Regulation & Crime, Association of Convenience Stores (ACS)
- TBC

11.50 **Panel discussion: The Licensing Officer of the future**

- How is the profession evolving?
- Discussions around recruitment, retention, digital working and political pressures

Speakers:

- Jo Seymour, CIEH Workforce
- Louie Krog, Head of Licensing, Cheltenham Borough Council
- TBC

12.45 **Partnership working to deliver better regulatory outcomes**

- How do licensing officers influence outcomes by working effectively with other services?
- Discussion around the IoL’s Partnership Charter, purpose and vision
- Case study – Swansea evening and night-time economy

13.10 **Licensing: What’s coming next?**

13.40 **Closing remarks**

13.45 **End of conference**