CIEH Licensing Conference

Half-day conference: Thursday 5 November 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Ian Andrews, Head of Environmental Health, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

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)
- Marsha Kuye, Head of Licensing and 24 Hour London, Greater London Authority (GLA)

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:

- David Hunt, CTSI Lead Officer – Tobacco, Nicotine and Vaping & Senior Trading Standards Officer, Hackney Council
- Daniel Askew, Public Affairs Manager – Product Regulation & Crime, Association of Convenience Stores (ACS)
- David Etheridge, Licensing Team Leader, Tewkesbury Council
- Mike Smith, Licensing & Community Safety Lead, Guildford Borough Council

12:00 Panel discussion: The Licensing Officer of the future

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

Speakers:

- Joanna Seymour, Head of Environmental Health Workforce Programme, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)
- Louis Krog, Head of Public Protection, Cheltenham Borough Council
- Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager, Birmingham City Council
- Kerry Simpkin, Head of Public Protection and Consumer Standards, RB Greenwich

Supported by

12:50 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 – Luton and Cheltenham evening and night-time economy

Speakers:

- Louis Krog, Head of Public Protection, Cheltenham Borough Council
- Tony Ireland, Head of Public Protection, Luton Council
- Sue Nelson, Director of Policy and Stakeholders, Institute of Licensing (IoL)

13:25 Licensing: What's coming next?

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

13.40 **Closing remarks**

13.45 **End of conference**

Supported by