

# LGA update

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## Licensing updates

- **Taxi and PHV licensing:** reform pledged in the Levelling Up White Paper around transferring responsibility to combined and upper-tier authorities. Officers have sent a survey to licensing authorities and held a roundtable with county councils. Keen for our member's views, so please get in touch!
- **Alcohol and entertainment:** Focus is on fees under the Licensing Act and to secure an increase.
- **Gambling:** Gambling Act Review White Paper published. We have also published [guidance on taking a whole council approach to gambling harms.](#)

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- **Cosmetic procedures:** new local authority led licensing regime to regulate cosmetic procedures. Based on risk. LGA responded to the first Government consultation to highlight points around capacity, funding, training and the need to take a comprehensive approach.
- **Online forms:** the LGA is engaged in discussions with the Government Digital Service regarding the future of the online licensing forms system. We are lobbying for a central system to be maintained, and for at least one year's notice of any changes to enable councils to prepare. Pressing for urgent clarity.

## LGA training resources

- The LGA and IoL have [produced a training standard](#) which sets out what a basic level of licensing committee member training might look like.
- We have [updated our licensing e-learning module](#), which covers the principles of being on a licensing committee. We have also [developed a series of short, interactive scenario based videos](#).
- To complement this, we have a [Licensing Leadership Essentials Course](#). Will be held 16-17 October 2024 in Coventry. Costs £200.
- [Published licensing committee tip sheets](#) on chairing, alcohol, taxis and gambling.

# Questions?

- If we can ever help with anything, please get in touch  
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