

Selective Licensing update

Culture & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission

Date of meeting: 05/03/2026

Lead director/officer: Sean Atterbury

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields, Fosse, Saffron, Stonegate, Spinney Hills, Westcotes.
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1. Summary

Selective Licensing is in effect in three areas of the city. The purpose of the schemes is to improve residents' quality of life by raising living conditions and the neighbourhoods as a whole.

The schemes will be in place until October 2027, and progress is shown via a series of measure on a dashboard attached to the report.

2. Recommendation(s) to scrutiny:

Culture & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission are invited to:

- Note the contents of report

3. Detailed report

Selective Licensing schemes may be introduced in areas that are experiencing one or more of the following issues:

- High levels of deprivation
- Poor property conditions
- Significant and persistent problems with anti-social behaviour
- High levels of crime
- High levels of migration
- Low housing demand (or likely to become such an area)

Following extensive consultation between November 2021 and February 2022, three selective licensing designations were made. The areas affected are shown in the plan at **Appendix A**. The designations took effect in October 2022, and will remain in place until October 2027.

Progress is continually monitored and an overview is attached at **Appendix B**.

4. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The income over the lifetime of the selective licensing scheme is estimated to cover the costs over the same period, to ensure that the Council recovers costs without generating a surplus.

Signed: Joel Martin, Principal Accountant (on behalf of Stuart McAvoy, Head of Finance)

Dated: 20 February 2026

4.2 Legal Implications

This is an information report, and no legal implications arise from its content.

Signed: F. Hajat Qualified Lawyer

Dated: 23 February 2026

4.3 Equalities Implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, the council has a Public Sector Equality Duty to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The life chances of residents are closely linked to the quality of their neighbourhoods and housing conditions, and the selective licensing schemes aim to improve management and standards in the private rented sector in areas with high deprivation and poor property conditions. These improvements are expected to have a positive impact on residents across all protected characteristics, including by contributing to better health and wellbeing and more stable, safer neighbourhoods.

Disabled people, people with long-term health conditions and other vulnerable tenants (for example some new arrivals to the country, people on low incomes, or those with limited housing choices) are more likely to be negatively affected by poor housing conditions and management, so targeted action to regulate and improve standards is likely to be particularly beneficial for these groups. The designated areas are among the more deprived parts of the city, so action to improve housing quality and management in these neighbourhoods also supports the council's wider aims around reducing health inequalities and improving outcomes for residents experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken to inform the original decision to introduce selective licensing and drew on the findings from the consultation to understand potential impacts on people with protected characteristics. As the schemes progress, the council should continue to monitor any equalities impacts (for example through complaint trends, enforcement activity and feedback from tenants and landlords) and use this learning to inform ongoing implementation and any future decisions about selective licensing.

Signed: Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

Dated: 20 February 2026

4.4 Climate Emergency Implications

There are no direct climate emergency implications associated with this report.

Signed: Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 372246

Dated: 20th February 2026

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4.5 Other Implications
N/A
Signed:
Dated:

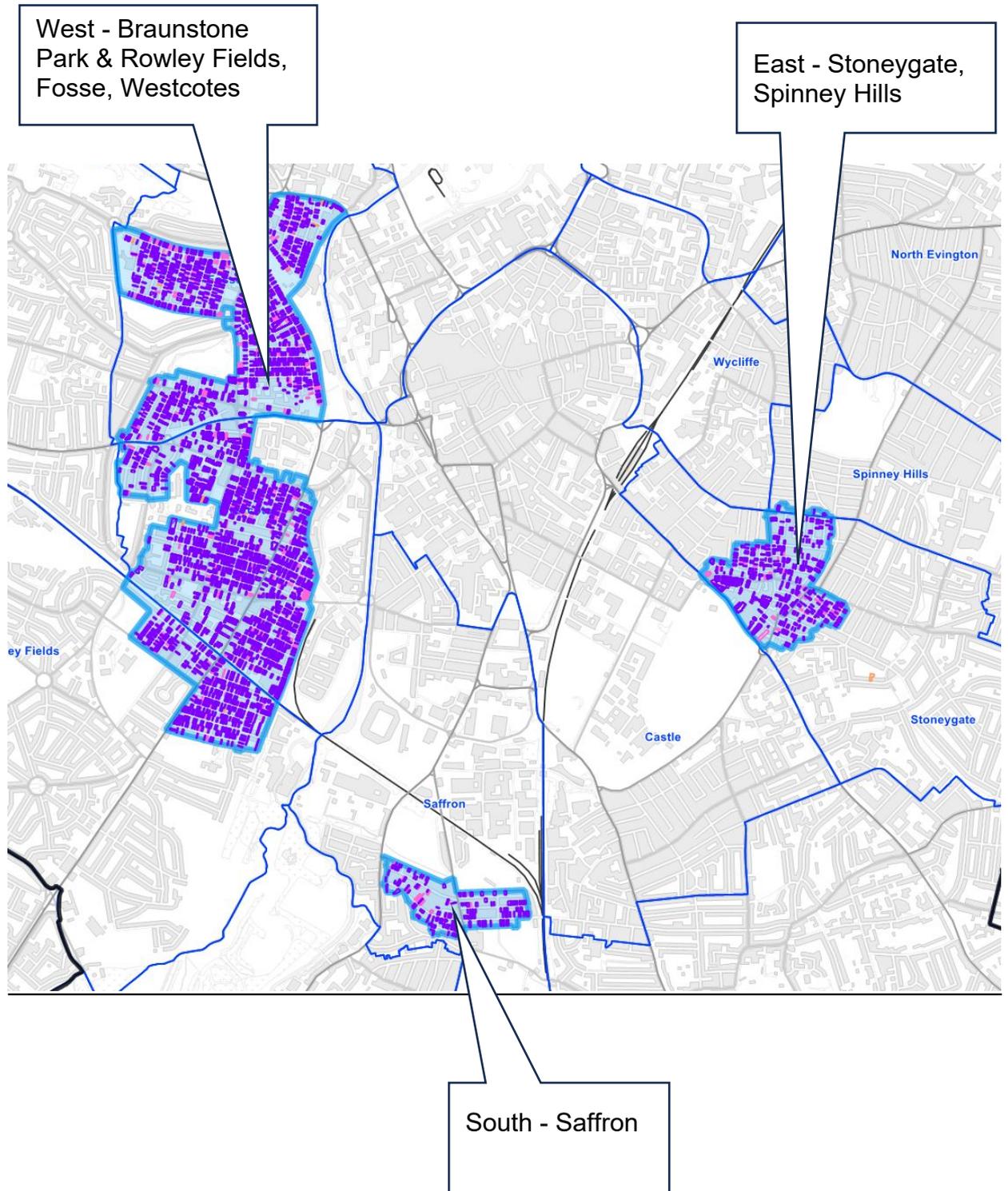
5. Background information and other papers:

6. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – selective licensing designation areas

Appendix B – selective licensing dashboard

APPENDIX A – SELECTIVE LICENSING DESIGNATION AREAS



APPENDIX B – SELECTIVE LICENSING DASHBOARD