

NOTE of MEETING of the LICENSING FORUM WORKING GROUP held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2014 at 3.00 p.m.

Attending

Jill Bennet
Gordon Emslie (Convener)
Bruce Rennie
Thomas Ross

Also in Attendance

Alison Barr, Consumer Protection Manager
Arlene Fraser, Committee Officer
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer

1. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Rose Mary circulated copies of (a) the draft Licensing Policy Statement highlighting comments/suggestions received from the consultation exercise previously undertaken, and (b) the summary of the consultation responses.

The group went through the comments/suggestions from the previous consultation exercise in detail and after discussion, **noted** the following:-

- no evidence to support radical changes to the policy
- the trade in Falkirk has retracted slightly
- hard to control over consumption and how this is managed locally
- benefits of EPOS tills within licensed premises
- issue of separate guidance and information to assist applicants
- possibility of liaising with Forth Valley CCTV Partnership
- growth in licensing of coffee shops
- the management and control of occasional licences