

FALKIRK COUNCIL LICENSING BOARD

Subject: Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005
Statement of Licensing Policy Update
Meeting: Licensing Board
Date: 9 December 2015
Author: Consumer Protection Manager

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report is to advise Members of the progress to date of the review of the Board's Statement of Licensing Policy

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Licensing Board on 15 June 2015, members approved a draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the purposes of consultation. The following were sent a copy of the draft statement:

- the Chief Constable
- the Chief Fire Officer
- the Chief Executive of Forth Valley Health Board
- the Chair of the Local Licensing Forum

- 2.2 The draft statement was made available on the Consultation and Surveys page of the Falkirk Council web site and comments invited. All current premises licenceholders were notified of the consultation as part of the annual fee gathering process.

3. RESPONSES RECEIVED

- 3.1 No comments were received from the Chief Fire Officer, the Chief Executive of Forth Valley Health Board or any current premises licenceholders.
- 3.2 Comments were received from the Chief Constable and the Local Licensing Forum.

4. SUB GROUP OF THE BOARD

- 4.1 Following the meeting of the Board on 18 November 2015, a sub group of the Board met to discuss the comments received from the Chief Constable and the Local Licensing Forum. The members of the sub group were Chair of the Licensing Board Councillor Malcolm Nicol, Councillor John McLuckie, Baillie William Buchanan and Councillor Sandy Turner. The group was supported by the Clerk to the Board, the Consumer Protection Manager and a Licensing Standards Officer.

- 4.2 It was agreed that further clarification was required in relation to some of the comments made by the Local Licensing Forum. Clarification was sought at the statutory joint meeting of the Board and the Local Licensing Forum held on 24 November 2015.
- 4.3 Both the Chief Constable and the Local Licensing Forum comments made reference to the Alcohol Fact Sheet and the fact that the statistics were from the period 2012/13. It was agreed that more up to date information would be sourced and the draft Statement of Licensing Policy updated in light of the newer statistics.
- 4.4 Upon receipt of any updated statistical information, a report will be submitted to the Board for consideration, in conjunction with the responses referred to. It is anticipated that this will be to the next meeting.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 For information.

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Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 2 December 2015

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil