

FALKIRK COUNCIL LICENSING BOARD

Subject: STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL LICENSING BOARD
Date: 24 OCTOBER 2007
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In terms of The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 every Licensing Board is required to prepare and approve a Statement of Licensing Policy. The form and content of the Statement of Licensing Policy are laid down in section 6 of the Act. Such statements must be prepared and published every 3 years with provision for supplementary statements during the 3 year period. The statements must promote the five licensing objectives as outlined in the Act. The date set aside by the Scottish Ministers for the formal adoption of the first 3 years licensing policy statement is 30 November 2007.
- 1.2 The Board must have due regard to any Scottish Government Guidance and give weight to the views of consultees. Section 6 (3) (b) of the Act requires the Board to consult the Licensing Forum. In addition, the Board must also consult with other persons/organisations it thinks appropriate.
- 1.3 The attached draft Statement of Policy (Appendix 1) has been prepared for consideration by the Board and if so advised for issue to consultees. It is intended that the consultation be concluded in sufficient time to allow formal adoption of the statement at a specially convened Licensing Board Meeting in late November.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 For consideration.

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Clerk to the Board

Date: 21 October 2007

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulations made thereunder.
2. Guidance for Licensing Boards and Local Authorities issued by The Scottish Government 4/4/2007

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 506116 and ask for Bryan Douglas.