

AGENDA ITEM

FALKIRK COUNCIL LICENSING BOARD

Subject: Test Purchasing of Alcohol
Central Scotland Police - Force Area
1 February 2008 to 31 January 2009
Meeting: Licensing Board
Date: 3 March 2009
Author: Clerk to the Licensing Board

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chief Constable, Central Scotland Police has submitted a letter dated 20 February 2009 providing statistics on the test purchasing of alcohol for the Central Scotland Police Force Area for the period from 1 February 2008 to 31 January 2009, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 For consideration and noting.

Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 23 February 2009

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Appendices

1. Letter dated 20 February 2009 from Central Scotland Police



Central Scotland Police
Together for safer communities

Kevin Smith
Chief Constable

20th February 2009

Clerk to the Licensing Board
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Dear Madam,

Test Purchasing of Alcohol

Central Scotland Police have now been carrying out Test Purchasing of Alcohol since 1st February 2008 across the Force area. The tests are carried out on an intelligence led basis either where there is specific intelligence that young people are sourcing alcohol from a particular premise or where there is general intelligence that youths are able to access alcohol from shops in an identified area.

As it is now one year since the Test Purchase programme began I would like to take this opportunity to update yourself and members of the Licensing Board as to the progress of the initiative as we undertook to do when it was launched. Statistics regarding the number of tests conducted and the outcome of these are therefore noted below.

You will note that there have been two test purchase failures in the Falkirk Council area. The first has been reported to the Board by way of a report under Section 31 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 whilst in relation to the second no report was forwarded as the licensee sold the premises and the licence was transferred. Accordingly, it would no longer have been competent for such a complaint to be considered.

In relation to criminal proceedings with the two Test Purchase failures in Falkirk I can report that both cases were reported to the Procurator Fiscal. In both cases the Procurator Fiscal dealt with the matter by way of Procurator Fiscal Fixed Penalty fines for both the member of staff and the licensee.

The statistics provided below cover the period from 1st February 2008 to 31st January 2009.

	Tests Conducted	Passed	Failed	Double Failures
Clackmannanshire	13	11	2	0
Falkirk	39	37	2	0
Stirling	14	13	1	0

All correspondence should be addressed to the Business Services Unit, Area Command Headquarters, West Bridge Street, Falkirk FK1 5AP (Telephone 01786 456000) and not to individual stations/departments.

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Should you wish to present these statistics to the Licensing Board at any future meeting, either a police representative or I would be happy to answer any questions members may have.

Yours faithfully

Robble McGregor
Superintendent
Area Commander

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