

FALKIRK COUNCIL LICENSING BOARD

Subject: Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005
 The Royal Wedding – 29 April 2011
Meeting: Licensing Board
Date: 16 February 2011
Author: Clerk to the Licensing Board

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Licensing Section has received correspondence from R & J M Hill Brown & Co, 3 Newton Place, Glasgow asking for an early indication of Falkirk Council's Licensing Board's intention in relation to the grant of a general extension of licensed hours on the occasion of the Royal Wedding on 29 April 2011. They have been instructed to do so by the Scottish Beer and Pub Association and the Scottish Licensed Trade Association.
- 1.2 Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 enables a Licensing Board, if it considers it appropriate to do so in connection with a special event of local or national significance, to make a determination extending licensed hours by such period as the Board may specify in the determination. The extension of hours may apply to the whole of the Board's area or only to specified parts of it, to licensed hours generally or only to specified descriptions of premises, and to all licensed premises in the Board's area or only to specified descriptions of such premises. The determination has effect for such period as the Board may specify in it.
- 1.3 The provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 enable the relevant Secretary of State in the Westminster Government to make a special order extending licensed hours beyond those permitted by local licensing authorities in England and Wales. It is the understanding of R & J M Hill Brown & Co that it is proposed to extend the opening hours of licensed premises in England and Wales to 01.00am on the day of, and the day following, the Royal Wedding. As no such provision exists in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, it is for each individual Licensing Board to consider the grant of a section 67 general extension.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To determine whether or not to extend licensed hours in accordance with the provisions of Section 67 as set out above.

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 Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 9 February 2011

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Background Papers - Letter from R & J M Hill Brown on behalf of the Scottish Beer & Pub Association and the Scottish Licensed Trade Association.