

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 09 September 2020	14:00	Remotely via MS Teams,

KENNETH GRAHAM  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Ms Colette Cardosi: Ms Shirley McLean: Mr Piero Pieraccini: Ms Donna Reid: Sergeant Ian Robertson: Mr Colin Dickson: Ms Elaina Smith:  
Ms Margaret Dymond (Convener):

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## Items of business

### Apologies

Apologies from members.

### Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

<b>1</b>	<b>Minute of Previous Meeting</b>	<b>1 - 6</b>
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Minute of previous meeting held on 5 February 2020.

<b>2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
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<b>3</b>	<b>Police Scotland Update</b>	
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Verbal report by the Police Scotland representative on local licensing issues.

<b>4</b>	<b>Licensing Standards Officer - Update</b>	
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Verbal report by the Licensing Standards Officer relative to local licensing issues.

### Alcohol Focus Scotland

<b>5a</b>	<b>Newsletter - April 2020</b>	<b>7 - 16</b>
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E-Focus Newsletter - April 2020.

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<b>6</b>	<b>Licensing of Additional Outdoor Drinking Area</b>	<b>27 - 30</b>
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Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board.

<b>7</b>	<b>Proposed Future Meetings of the Forum</b>	<b>31 - 34</b>
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Report by the Clerk.

## Minute of Meeting

### Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

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Wednesday, 05 February 2020	14:00	Corporate Meeting Room 2, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

#### Present

G Brand; M Brier; M Dymond; D Reid; I Robertson; and E Smith.

#### Chair

M Dymond, Convener, presided.

#### In Attendance

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) and P Shiach, Committee Services Officer Renfrewshire Council (both Renfrewshire Council).

#### Also in Attendance

S Jones, Alcohol Focus Scotland.

#### Apologies

C Cardosi, S McLean and P Pieraccini.

#### Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## **Additional Item**

The Convener indicated that there was one additional item which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item which was dealt with at item 7 was competent and relevant, authorised its consideration.

### **1a Minute of Previous Meeting**

There was submitted the Minute of the previous meeting of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 29 May 2019.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be approved.

### **1b Note of Inquorate Meeting**

There was submitted the note of the inquorate joint meeting between Renfrewshire Licensing Forum and Renfrewshire Licensing Board.

**DECIDED:** That the note be noted.

## **2 Matters Arising**

### **(a) Forum Membership**

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 May 2019 the Convener referred to an offer made by the previous Licensing Sergeant to contact Licensees at a Police Scotland Licensing event to be held locally in November 2019 with a view to establishing whether they would be interested in membership of the Licensing Forum.

Sergeant Robertson, who had replaced Constable McEwan, undertook to follow up on this issue and report back to a future meeting of the Forum.

### **(b) Festive Hours**

Under reference to item 7 of the Minute of the previous meeting, the Licensing Standards Officer advised that approximately 70 premises had taken advantage of all or part of the festive terminal hour extensions and that there had been no problems during the period.

D Reid requested that a report on the "Safe Bus" and Street Pastor initiatives be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum. This was agreed

**DECIDED:**

(a) That a report of the Safe Bus and Street Pastor initiatives be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum; and

(b) That the information be otherwise noted.

### **3a E-Focus Newsletter - August 2019**

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There was submitted the Alcohol Focus Scotland newsletter for August 2019.

The newsletter provided information the Minimum Unit Pricing evaluation compliance study; alcohol labelling; consultation responses on reviewing fees for occasional licences' Public Health Scotland; incorporating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Scots Law; research; training and events.

**DECIDED:** That the newsletter be noted.

### **3b E-Focus Newsletter - September 2019**

There was submitted the Alcohol Focus Scotland newsletter for September 2019.

The newsletter provided information on alcohol deaths prevention support; alcohol labelling; policies; research; training and events.

**DECIDED:** That the newsletter be noted.

### **3c E-Focus Newsletter - January 2020**

There was submitted the Alcohol Focus Scotland newsletter for January 2020.

The newsletter provided updates on an analysis of off-trade alcohol sales in the first year of MUP; underage drinkers post MUP; parental drinking in Scotland; the Alcohol Health Alliance on alcohol harm; alcohol-free childhood action network; policies; research; training ; and events.

**DECIDED:** That the newsletter be noted.

### **3d Forum Learning and Development**

Simon Jones representing Alcohol Focus Scotland led a discussion on support available to Licensing forums from his organisation. He indicated that he intended to visit a number of Licensing Forums offering training opportunities and sharing good practice and seeking to identify challenges and strengths.

The Licensing Standards Officer indicated that the LSO Group regularly discussed Forums and stated that some areas no longer have a Licensing Forum despite the statutory nature of the Forums. He advised that there was a lack of knowledge over the function and purpose of Licensing Forums.

The Health Improvement Lead Alcohol Licensing Officer provided information on her experience with the Glasgow Licensing Forum and suggested that more engagement with the licenced trade and young people was required in Renfrewshire. She also indicated that there was a need to acknowledge that Forums were statutory components of the Act and were necessary to lend credibility to the licensing regime in the area.

D Reid emphasised the need to identify What areas the Forum should concentrate on and detail them in a work plan. She requested that Alcohol Focus Scotland provide

examples of best practice which the Forum could adopt.

The Health Improvement Lead Alcohol Licensing Officer suggested that the Forum review licensing policy more often to ensure that its suggestions could be submitted timeously when the Boards Licensing Policy is reviewed. She requested that the Forum should receive regular reports on the types of licences which were being approved and in which areas, together with information on the particular issues associated with these and how they are dealt with. This was agreed.

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(b) That it be agreed that the Forum should receive regular reports on the types of licences which were being approved and in which areas, together with information on the particular issues associated with these and how they are dealt with; and

(c) That it be agreed that the Forum seek ways of engaging with representatives of the Licensed trade and with young people.

#### **4 Police Scotland Update**

I Robertson, Police Scotland, provided a verbal update on local licensing issues which had arisen since the last meeting of the Forum on 29 May 2019.

He advised of changes which had taken place within K Division and that a new Divisional Commander was in post who had a focus on licensing.

He indicated that there had been over 900 routine visits to licenced premises which had encountered over 330 incidents and resulted in 116 arrests.

He stated that 2020 would be a busy year for policing I the area with the Euro Championships and the Climate Change conference in Glasgow later in the year. He indicated that all police leave had been cancelled for October.

Sergeant Robertson was then heard in answer to questions from Forum members on the content of the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

#### **5 Licensing Standards Officer Update**

M Brier, Licensing Standards Officer (LSO), provided an update in relation to licensing activity undertaken since November 2019. The Forum was advised that during the period 11 compliance visits and 16 joint compliance/MUP visits had been made to licensed premises. Six premises had required to be revisited. There had been one complaint visit and two miscellaneous visits

The LSO provided a comparison between the number of premises currently licenced and the figures from May 2019 as under

On sales 102 (106)  
On/off sales 186 (189)  
Off sales 143 (139)  
Total 431 (434).

In addition, there were 14 provisional licences and two premises were no longer trading.

The Licensing Standards Officer was then heard in answer to questions from Forum members on the content of the report.

**DECIDED:** That the information provided be noted.

## **6 Protecting Children and Young People from harm**

There was submitted a report by the Health Improvement Lead Alcohol Licensing Officer on protecting children and young people from harm relative to exposure to alcohol.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## **7 Scottish Government Staffing Changes**

The Health Improvement Lead Alcohol Licensing Officer advised the Forum of staffing arrangements within the Scottish Government indicating that J Wilson had been appointed as the Licensing Team Leader. She advised that Mr Wilson was working on draft guidance on the Scottish Government Work Plan, Guidance for Licensing Boards, and a copy would be circulated to the Forum when available. She suggested that this could form a future Development Session for the Forum. She also suggested that the Forum invite Mr Wilson to a future meeting of the Forum. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That a copy of the Scottish Government document, Guidance for Licensing Boards, be submitted to the Forum when available and that this document form part of a Development Session for the Forum; and

(b) That the Licensing Team Leader, Scottish Government be invited to a future meeting of the Forum.

## **8 Date of Next Meeting**

**DECIDED:** Members noted that the next meeting of Renfrewshire Licensing Forum was scheduled to be held at 2pm on 27 May 2020.





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**To:** Renfrewshire Licensing Forum

**On:** 9 September 2020

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**Report by:** Clerk to the Licensing Board

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**Heading:** Licensing of Additional Outdoor Drinking Areas

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Licensing Forum in relation to licensing applications for new external drinking areas at licensed premises.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Forum is asked to note the contents of the report.
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## **3. Background**

- 3.1 In the months leading up to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020, licensed premises were unable to operate as a result of restrictions set out in the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020. These restrictions were eased to allow outdoor drinking areas to operate with effect from that date, with the rules being further eased to allow the operation of indoor areas from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Both outdoor and indoor areas continue to be subject to strict social distancing and other health

protection requirements. These restrictions are enforced by the Council's Environmental Health and Trading Standards teams, working with officers in Licensing and Police Scotland as required.

3.2 In anticipation of the above relaxations to the rules, the Council's licensing officers engaged extensively with licence holders enquiring about obtaining occasional licences for external drinking areas (or additional areas). A standard response was developed advising of the regulatory processes licence holders should follow and a procedure was agreed with officers in the Roads team to simplify the process for applicants and avoid them having to submit separate applications for licences and road occupation permits. The Council's licensing team also widened the consultation on these applications and arrangements were made to refer contentious licence applications to Members of the Licensing Board. These arrangements were made to ensure a balance between the interests of the licensed trade and the interests of the local community, particularly neighbouring residents.

3.3 Applications for occasional licences for outside areas begun to be made in anticipation of the initial relaxation of restrictions on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and have continued to be received since. Each individual occasional licence may be granted for no more than 14 days, but successive applications can be made without limit (for most licensed premises). There is no mechanism in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 for review of an occasional licence and therefore these applications for occasional licences are being determined once the next period of 14 days sought for an outside area is imminent.

3.4 To date, a total of 24 licensed premises have obtained occasional licences for outdoor drinking areas, or additional such areas. These premises are located throughout Renfrewshire as follows:

• Paisley	11
• Johnstone	1
• Bishopton	3
• Erskine	3
• Houston	3
• Linwood	0
• Inchinnan	1
• Bridge of Weir	1
• Renfrew	1
• Total	24

- 3.5 A further three premises have applications for occasional licences for new outdoor areas pending. These premises are in Paisley, Renfrew and Bishopton.
- 3.6 A further 13 premises have made enquiry with the Licensing team in the period from July to date, but these enquiries have not yet resulted in a licence application. Recent trends, as monitored by teams across the Council, are that levels of interest and activity in establishing outdoor trading arrangements have now peaked. This interest may have levelled as a result of indoor areas having been allowed to operate and since a number of licensed premises were already able to utilise their existing drinking areas under their established licensing arrangements.







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**Report by: Clerk**

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**Heading: Dates for Future Meetings**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report details proposed arrangements for meetings of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum until May 2021.
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**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Forum considers and approves the dates for future meetings of the Forum as detailed in the report; and
- 2.2. That it be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Conveners of the Forum and the Licensing Board to determine which of these meetings will be a Joint meeting with the Licensing Board.
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**3. Background**

- 3.1 In terms of the Constitution approved at the meeting of the Forum held on 2 October 2007, there is a requirement for the Forum to meet no less than four times per year and for one of these meetings to be a joint meeting with Renfrewshire Licensing Board.

- 3.2. It has been the custom and practice that the Forum meet on a quarterly basis, with meetings being held during February or March, April or May, August or September and October or November.
- 3.3. It is proposed that meetings of the Forum be held on:-  
Wednesday 18 November 2020  
Wednesday 3 February 2021, and  
Wednesday 26 May 2021.
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## **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial - None**
2. **HR & Organisational Development – None**
3. **Community Planning - None**
- 4 **Legal – None**
- 5 **Property/Assets**
- 6 **Information Technology - None**
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website
8. **Health & Safety - None**
9. **Procurement - None**
10. **Risk - None**
11. **Privacy Impact – None**
12. **CoSLA Position – n/a**

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