

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 23 May 2022	14:00	Remotely by MS Teams,

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

C Cardosi; C Dickson; M Dymond; F Hewitt; S McLean; J McSorley; T Mills; F Moore-McGrath; P Pieraccini; D Reid; I Robertson.

Chair

J McSorley, Convener

Recording of Meeting

This meeting will be recorded for subsequent broadcast via the Council's website. If you have any queries regarding the recording please contact Committee Services on 01416187103. To find the recording please follow the link which will be attached to this agenda once the meeting has been concluded.

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.

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| 1 | Minute of Previous Meeting | 1 - 4 |
| | Minute of meeting held on 28 February 2022. | |
| 2 | Matters Arising | |
| 3 | Police Scotland Update | |
| | Verbal report by Police Scotland representative on local licensing issues. | |
| 4 | Licensing Standards Officer Update | |
| | Verbal report by the Licensing Standards Officer on local licensing issues. | |
| 5 | Licensing Issues Sub-group Update | |
| | Verbal report by Convener | |
| 6 | Alcohol Focus Scotland | 5 - 12 |
| | AFS Newsletter - March 2022. | |
| 7 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | Members are asked to note that the next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for Monday 12 September 2022 at 2.00pm. | |

Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

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Monday, 28 February 2022	14:00	Remotely by MS Teams,

PRESENT

C Dickson; M Dymond; S McLean; J McSorley; P Pieraccini; D Reid; and I Robertson.

ALSO PRESENT

F McGrath-Moore, Police Scotland.

IN ATTENDANCE

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) and P Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

RECORDING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting members were advised that this meeting of the Policy Board would be recorded and would be available to view on the Council's website.

APOLOGY

F Hewitt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 ELECTION OF CONVENER

It was noted that in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 a Forum, at its first meeting each calendar year, must elect one of its members to be Convener. M Dymond, seconded by P Pieraccini proposed that J McSorley be appointed as Convener. This was agreed unanimously. Mr McSorley assumed the chair at this point.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Convener indicated his intention to take additional items of business which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Area Convener, being of the opinion that the items which were dealt with at items 8 and 9 respectively of the agenda were competent and relevant, authorised their consideration.

2a MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the previous meeting of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 4 October 2021.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2b 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 report be noted.

3 MATTERS ARISING

DECIDED: That it be noted that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4 POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

Sergeant Robertson, Police Scotland, provided a verbal update on local licensing issues which had arisen since 29 November 2021, advising that Police Scotland had attended 75 incidents within licenced premises during the period, and had undertaken 178 pro-active inspections.

He advised that the incidents had resulted in a number of reports primarily coming from the premises themselves. He indicated that in the last six months there had been no requirement to bring any premises to the attention of the Licensing Board, and from a Police Scotland perspective, there appeared to be better management and stewardship of licenced premises in the Renfrewshire area.

He further advised that the Pub Watch scheme was in the process of being re-instated by licence holders.

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 STANDARD OFFICER UPDATE

C Dickson, Licensing Standards Officer (LSO), provided an update in relation to licensing activity undertaken since November 2021 and provided statistics on the numbers of premises as follows: -

On sales 92

On/off sales 187

Off sales 153

Total 432.

One premises had ceased trading during the period.

In addition, there were 12 provisional licences

The Licensing Standards officer advised that there were currently 1335 personal licenses which equated to an increase of 20 during the reporting period. He also provide can update on the status of Licence Premises fees since his last report

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 ADP/LICENSING ISSUES

The Convener provided a verbal report on his role within the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership, indicating that it was his intention to support the Forum in its activities, facilitate a review on how the forum is performing and looking for views on what improvements could be made. He indicated his intention to undertake discussions with the current members to ascertain their views on how the forum should move forward to enable the group to be a “critical friend” of the Licensing Board. Following these discussions a report would be submitted to a future meeting.

The Convener Indicated that a sub-group might be formed to undertake the review. S McLean volunteered for membership of the sub-group. It was also suggested that through the Police Scotland representatives, a representative from the Pub Watch group should be invited to join the sub-group.

DECIDED:

(a) That a sub-group be formed to facilitate a review on how the forum is performing and looking for views on improvements in the operation of the Forum;

(b) That representatives from Pub Watch be invited to join the sub-group; and

(c) That the report be otherwise noted.

7 ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND

There was submitted the Alcohol Focus Scotland newsletter for January 2022.

The newsletter provided statistics on the number of alcohol-related deaths in the UK, which was at its highest level since 2001; the introduction of minimum unit pricing

(MUP) in Ireland; the increase⁴ in drinking during lockdown; and AFS responses to a number of consultations.

DECIDED: That the newsletter be noted.

8 **LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS' COURSE**

The Licensing Standards Officer referred to the Licensing Standards Officers course, provided by Alcohol Focus Scotland which was undergoing a review, and it was anticipated that the course would be expanded from a three-day to a five-day course. He indicated that LSOs considered that the course in its current form was no longer fit for purpose.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

9 **ADDITIONAL GROUPS/PROJECTS**

D Reid referred to the number of groups funded through HSCP and involved in alcohol and drug related projects and suggested that these groups be invited on occasion to address the Forum on the work being undertaken in the community.

DECIDED: That groups funded through the HSCP involved in alcohol and drug related projects be invited to attend future meetings of the Forum to provide an update on the work being undertaken.

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: Members noted that the next meeting of Renfrewshire Licensing Forum was scheduled to be held at 2pm on 23 May 2022.



March 2022



Industry influence: a barrier to progress in public health policy

Powerful unhealthy commodity industries are a significant barrier to progress in public health policy.

In a new blog post, SPECTRUM researchers Professor Mark Petticrew and Professor Jeff Collin highlight the strategies used by unhealthy commodity industries (UCIs) to influence public health policy. They discuss UCIs' methods of misinformation to the public and schoolchildren through corporate social responsibility organisations and industry-funded charities. The Professors also note the work of the recently reconstituted Cross Party Group on Improving Scotland's Health (details below).

 [Read the SPECTRUM blog post here.](#)



Evidence to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

AFS Chief Executive Alison Douglas gave evidence to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on tackling alcohol harms in Scotland, alongside Professor Niamh Fitzgerald (University of Stirling), Lucie Giles (Public Health Scotland), and Elinor Jayne (Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems).

The invited participants answered MSPs' questions around consumption, alcohol-related deaths, and explained why the alcohol industry should not be involved in health policy decision-making. They discussed the effectiveness of steps taken to reduce alcohol harms and recommended further public health interventions such as maintaining and uprating minimum unit pricing, restricting alcohol marketing, and legislating for alcohol labelling.


 Take a look at the [Twitter thread](#) and the [Official Report](#) from the Committee.



Drug and alcohol services update

New Audit Scotland report says that Government's drug and alcohol plans should be clearer.

In 2020, 1,339 people died from drug-related causes and 1,190 died from alcohol-related causes - a rise of 5% and 17% respectively, from 2019. The briefing shows that with these recent, devastatingly high deaths which particularly affected our most deprived communities, a clear, integrated plan is needed to support people with both alcohol and drugs problems.

 Read the full report [here](#).



Youth Engagement - Alcohol Marketing

North Ayrshire Modern Apprentices

Megan, Alcohol Focus Scotland's Youth Engagement Coordinator, worked with seven Modern Apprentices from North Ayrshire Council, exploring their views and experience of alcohol marketing. The Modern Apprentices shared that they would like to see further information provided on adverts and alcohol products to ensure those of drinking age can make informed choices. They also felt that further education was needed in school and informal settings to provide young people with information about alcohol.



The Modern Apprentices participated in activities exploring the different types of alcohol marketing young people are exposed to and will now work with the groups they support to explore the topic and bring feedback and outputs to a follow-up session with Alcohol Focus Scotland in May.

Scottish Youth Parliament

In March, nine Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs) took part in the

online consultation workshop “Is Alcohol Everywhere?”. The workshop was opened by Maree Todd, Minister for Public Health, Women’s Health and Sport. The Minister spoke about the impact alcohol marketing has on children and young people, and shared that the Scottish Government is looking at restrictions to reduce the harm they may experience due to this.

The session, supported by the Scottish Youth Parliament, the Scottish Government Alcohol Harm Prevention Policy Team, and Alcohol Focus Scotland, allowed the young people to share their own and their constituents’ views on alcohol marketing and possible restrictions. MSYPs shared their experience of and opinions on alcohol marketing online, on TV, at the cinema, outdoors, and through sports sponsorship. They felt that marketing influences young people’s attitudes by normalising alcohol products. The young people also discussed how high levels of exposure to alcohol marketing impacts children’s rights in relation to health, information, and their best interests. The feedback from the session and the SYP What’s Your Take survey will be used to inform the Scottish Government’s forthcoming consultation on alcohol marketing.




Want to find out more about our work with children and young people? Get in touch with [Megan](#).



AFS Response to EU Labelling Consultation

AFS provided evidence to the European Commission’s consultation on the revision of EU legislation on Food Information to Consumers. The consultation was open to EU and non-EU citizens as well as to professional and non-professional stakeholders. We responded to the multiple-choice questions around front-of-pack labelling and the setting of nutrient profiles to restrict the use of health and nutrition claims on foods, and alcoholic beverage labelling. We support the mandatory inclusion of complete, simplified, and easy to read nutritional information. We strongly agree the labelling guidance around alcoholic drinks should be brought in line with other foods and beverages on a mandatory basis and not to be included voluntarily by the alcohol industry. We also provided the EU Commission with our [Labelling Briefing](#) and our recent research on the [inadequacy of sugar and calorie labelling on wines](#).

 See our full response [here](#).

CONSULTATIONS

Human Rights Consortium Scotland Response to Human Rights Act Reform Consultation

AFS supports the Human Rights Consortium Scotland's joint response to the Human Rights Act Reform Consultation. The plans to replace the Human Rights Act would weaken human rights protection and our ability to hold government to account.

 Read the response [here](#).



RESEARCH

National objectives, local policymaking: public health efforts to translate national legislation into local policy in Scottish alcohol licensing

Policymaking environments are multi-centric by necessity and design. Alcohol premises licensing is governed both by Scottish legislation and at a local level. This new research aimed to describe the obstacles local public health actors face when attempting to influence the alcohol premises licensing system. The study

concluded that a commitment to a policy outcome (in this case, the public health objective) in national legislation does not guarantee success at local level.


 Access the study [here](#).

RESEARCH

MUP and cross-border purchases

New evidence from Public Health Scotland shows that minimum unit pricing had minimal impact on cross-border purchases.

Evidence so far suggests that MUP can and does have the effect we hoped it would, with no evidence of the unintended consequences that people were concerned about.

 Read the full publication [here](#).


RESEARCH

The Marketing and Consumption of No and Low Alcohol Products in the UK

A new report published by the Institute of Alcohol Studies aimed to examine how No and Low Alcohol (NoLo) beverages are marketed and promoted in the UK and explores how and why consumers drink them. Dr Emily Nicholls, from the University of York, found that NoLo marketing uses problematic strategies including addition marketing, encouraging people to drink NoLos in addition to their regular drinking instead of using NoLos as alternative products, and stealth marketing, which promotes the overall alcohol brand. Dr Nicholls also examined how



drinkers and non-drinkers view NoLos, and suggested policy recommendations to the UK Government.

 Read the full report [here](#).



CPG on Improving Scotland's Health

The third meeting of the Cross-Party Group on Improving Scotland's Health will be held on Wednesday 20th April at 12:30-13:45, chaired by co-convenor Emma Harper MSP.

The theme will be Marketing Matters, and we will explore the opportunities and importance of restricting the marketing of unhealthy commodities as part of Non-Communicable Disease Prevention.

This meeting is for registered group members who have completed a Declaration of Interests form (DOI) only.

 If you would like to become a member, please [email ASH Scotland](#).



