Notice of Meeting and Agenda Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 19 February 2024	14:00	Remotely via MS Teams,

MARK CONAGHAN Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Colin Dickson; Margaret Dymond; Fiona Hewitt; Shirley McLean; Ian Robertson; Donna Reid.

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

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

1 Election of Convener

2 Minute of Previous Meeting

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Minute of previous meeting, held on 27 November 2023.

3 Matters Arising

Matters arising from Minute of previous meeting, held on 27 November 2023.

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Update by Police Scotland on local licensing issues.

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Update by Licensing Standards Officer on local licensing issues.

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Alcohol Focus Scotland Newsletters November 2023 and January 2024.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Members are requested to note that the next meeting of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum is scheduled to be held on 22 April 2024.

Minute of Meeting Joint Renfrewshire Licensing Forum and Licensing Board.

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 27 November 2023	14:00	Council Chambers and Hybrid,

Present

D Edmonds, (Renfrewshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership); Sergeant I Robertson (Police Scotland); F Hewitt, Development Officer - Health and Wellbeing (Children's Services); C Dickson, Licensing Standards Officer and J Hampsay, Fair Trading Officer (both Environment, Housing & Infrastructure); and M Dymond (all Renfrewshire Licensing Forum).

Councillor McEwan; Councillor Gray; Councillor MacFarlane; Councillor McDonald; and Councillor Paterson (all Renfrewshire Licensing Board).

In Attendance

C Young and S McFarlane, both Fair Trading Officers (Environment, Housing & Infrastructure); R Graham, Senior Solicitor (Litigation & Regulatory Services), E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Cunningham, Committee Services & Licensing Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Apologies

Councillors Campbell, Leishman, and Steel and T Mills.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

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

Resignation

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, members were advised that Mr Mills had resigned as a member of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

1 Election of Chair

It was noted that in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 the Forum must elect one of its members to Chair the meeting. Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by C Dickson, moved M Dymond. There being no other nominations, M Dymond assumed the Chair.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That M Dymond chair this meeting.

2 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 11 September 2023.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That the Minute be approved.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

DECIDED: That it be noted that there were no matters arising.

4 Police Scotland Update

Sergeant Robertson, Police Scotland provided a verbal update on local licensing issues which had arisen during the period 1 January to 27 November 2023.

He advised that Police Scotland had attended 249 incidents; carried out 412 proactive visits to licensed premises and were involved in licensing campaigns, such as Pubwatch and Talk To.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

5 Licensing Standards Officer Update

C Dickson, Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) provided a verbal update relative to licensing activity undertaken since 11 September 2023.

The LSO provided information on the number of licensed premises in the Renfrewshire area with a breakdown of on and off-sale premises; provisional licences pending; occasional licences; and outstanding Premises Licence fees.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

6 Publication of Statement of Licensing Policy

The Senior Solicitor (Regulatory and Litigation Services) provided an update on the Statement of Licensing Policy.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

7 Festive Hours 2023/24

The Senior Solicitor (Regulatory and Litigation Services) provided an update on the Festive Hours Policy for 2023/2024.

DECIDED: That the update be noted.

8 Alcohol Focus Scotland

There were submitted the Alcohol Focus Scotland Newsletters for September and October 2023.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That the September and October 2023 newsletters be noted.

9 General Discussion

The Chair requested that members pass on details of the Forum to all their relevant contacts to attempt to increase the number of Forum members. Current vacancies included members of the licensed trade, a local resident and a young person.

No local licensing issues were raised.

DECIDED:

- (a) That members pass on details of the Forum to all their relevant contacts to attempt to increase the number of Forum members; and
- (b) That it be noted that there were no local licensing issues raised.

10 Date of Next Meeting

<u>DECIDED</u>: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum would be held on 19 February 2024.

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RENFREWSHIRE LICENSING FORUM
POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE REPORT
Monday 19th February 2024

Since last Forum Meeting held on Monday 27th November 2023, Police Scotland have undertaken the following:

Dealt with **58** Incidents at licensed premises within the Renfrewshire area, **30** of those within Paisley Town Centre. These incidents were mainly in response to reports of disorder at entrances to licensed premises following patrons being refused entry or being ejected by premises staff.

Undertook **125** proactive licensing inspections at licensed premises within the Renfrewshire area, the majority of these were undertaken during the festive season at hotel party nights, nightclubs and popular Paisley Town Centre public houses.

Police licensing officers continue to deliver 'bystander' training to various premises throughout Renfrewshire, promoting the safety of premises staff and patrons.

Police licensing officers continue to promote the proxy purchase campaign 'it'll cost you' educating adults of the consequences of purchasing alcohol for persons under the legal age. This has involved leaflet drops at supermarkets, the visit to over 200 licensed premises across the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area, where posters and stickers have been placed in licensed shop windows and doors highlighting offence and penalty if caught.

Police licensing officers continue to participate in the Paisley Pub Watch Scheme with members of the licensing trade and representatives of Paisley First. Last meeting taking place on 30th January 2024 at Inn on the Corner. Number of items discussed on agenda including upcoming Paisley Food & Drink Festival in April 2024, Radio Link, Personal licensing training and Impact new parking charges will have on trade.

NOTE FOR LICENSING FORUM MEETING ON 19th February 2024

- 1. The statistics provided are from the date of the last Licensing Standards Officer (verbal) report to the Licensing Forum on 27th November 2023 to the present.
- 2. Visits to licensed premises
- 3. Details of current licensed premises as of 24 January 2024.

On sales 90 (no change)

On/off sales 188 (decrease from previous report of 1)

Off sales 151(reduction from previous report of 3)

Total 429

4. Premises no longer licensed -

Section 28(5)(b) – ceased trading on 02 February 2024 = 3

Section 28(5)(d) – surrendered the Premises Licence 02 February 2024 = 5.

- 5. Provisional Premises Licences: 11
- 6. Occasional Licences granted between 27 November 2023 and 29 January 2024 = 132
- 7. Personal Licences currently issued as of 29 January 2024 = 1492
- 8. Personal Licences revoked as of 29 January 2024 are 466.
- 9. Premises Licence annual fees were due to be paid by the statutory date of 1st October 2023 and arrangements were made for online payment with a reminder letter sent to each premises licence holder. Most payments were made using the online (card) payment system.
- 10. There are 5 premises that have outstanding annual Premises Licence fees which are being pursued and section 14 enforcement action commenced with the next stage a Premises Licence Review Application to be submitted for failure to comply with the (paragraph 10) mandatory condition in the Premises Licence to pay the annual fee.

Colin J. Dickson LSO

02nd February 2024.

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Unhealthy products driving nearly half a million people out of work

A coalition of health charities is calling on the UK Government to put in place a comprehensive strategy to prevent ill-health from commercially driven risk factors, and redress the balance between industry influence and the public's health.

The Alcohol Health Alliance (AHA), which Alcohol Focus Scotland is a member of, alongside Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), and the Obesity Health Alliance (OHA), have joined forces to outline the scale of harm caused collectively by tobacco, alcohol, and unhealthy food and drinks, which are major causes of death and chronic disease.

Big businesses are currently profiting from ill-health caused by smoking, drinking alcohol and eating unhealthy foods, while the public pay the price in poor health, higher taxes and an under-performing economy.

The wage penalty, unemployment and economic inactivity caused by tobacco, alcohol and obesity costs the UK economy an eye-watering £31bn and has led to an estimated 459,000 people out of work.

Read the coalition's recommendations





Updated Local Alcohol Profiles

We have updated our **Local Alcohol Profiles** with recent data on alcohol deaths and child protection. The profiles demonstrate the high level of alcohol harm within Scotland's 32 local authorities. We have also developed a new **Scotland Alcohol Profile** which gives a national picture.

Tind your Local Alcohol Profile and the Scotland Alcohol Profile

Local Alcohol Profiles





From alcohol-specific deaths, to alcohol-related hospital admissions, and the cost of alcohol harm to the public purse,

alcohol touches the lives of everyone in Scotland.



How much harm does alcohol cause in your local authority?



Alcohol Advertising Broadcast Ban to be introduced in Ireland

Irish Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, has signed the commencement order of Section 19 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 (PHAA) which places a 9 p.m. broadcast watershed for alcohol advertisements on television. On radio, the watershed will apply from midnight to 10am, and then from 3pm to midnight. The restrictions will come into force on 10 January 2025.

This measure will help reduce the level of children's exposure to alcohol marketing, which is known to be a key driver of both initiating alcohol use by children and increasing use. It is a particularly important restriction given that Diageo is currently the Number 4 advertiser to children in Ireland and at least 50,000 children start to drink every year.

Read more from Alcohol Action Ireland



Alcohol is Toxic Campaign

Balance North East have launched a new campaign supported by Cancer Research UK to highlight that alcohol is a Group 1 carcinogen which causes 7 types of cancer.

The campaign video follows the journey of alcohol through the body, mutating cells and leading to the formation of a tumour. It has been developed with input from doctors to depict the evidence on how alcohol causes cancer.

The campaign was launched due to low awareness in the North East of England that alcohol causes cancer, with only 1 in 3 people aware of the causal link. However, the information provided is important for everyone, no matter where they live in the UK.

Read more and watch the video



New ADPH position statement on alcohol

In the new statement, the Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) call for alcohol policies to move their focus from treatment to prevention to reduce the affordability, availability and appeal of alcohol. The number one policy priority for ADPH members in their most recent policy survey was minimum unit pricing. They also call for mandatory health labelling and for a reduction in children's exposure to alcohol through restrictions on advertising and sponsorship.

- Read the statement and their policy recommendations
- Read a blog post about the statement by Alice Wiseman, Policy Lead for Addiction, ADPH



Joint statement by WHO/Europe and IARC to the European Parliament

A joint statement on raising awareness of the link between alcohol and cancer has been issues by WHO Regional Director for Europe Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge and Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Dr Elisabete Weiderpass.

In the statement, they note that alcoholic beverages have been identified as a Group 1 carcinogen since 1988. Alcohol has been causally linked to seven different types of cancer: mouth, upper throat, larynx, oesophagus, breast, liver, and bowel cancer.

They make two recommendations for Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and related initiatives:

 The contribution of alcohol consumption to cancer incidence and mortality should be clearly recognized without the use of any qualifiers or misleading adjectives such as "harmful" or "heavy" consumption of alcohol or "responsible drinking" • Measures should be taken to clearly inform the public of this risk, which is not well known among the general population.



O CONSULTATIONS

AFS Response: Minimum Unit Pricing Consultation

Alcohol Focus Scotland has responded to the Scottish Government's consultation on the continuation and future pricing of alcohol minimum unit pricing (MUP). Alcohol Focus Scotland strongly welcomes the proposal to continue MUP and to increase it to at least 65p per unit.

The evidence is clear that the policy has achieved its aim of reducing alcohol-related harm by both reducing population consumption and by targeting the consumption of people drinking at higher levels. It has also contributed to reducing alcohol-related health inequalities. Any negative unintended consequences have not been prevalent or typical.

It is essential that the minimum unit price is increased to at least 65p. The benefits of MUP have been eroded by inflation over the last 5 years, as alcohol has become more affordable than when the price was introduced in 2018. Failure to uprate would critically undermine the policy and reverse the positive effects we have seen so far.

In addition to continuing MUP and increasing the price to at least 65 pence, AFS recommends the Scottish Government introduces further legislation to provide an automatic uprating mechanism to ensure MUP rises in line with inflation. An Alcohol Harm Prevention Levy would enable any additional profits from MUP to be recovered from retailers and used to fund local action on prevention and treatment and recovery support.

Read our response



OCONSULTATIONS

AFS Response: Updating labelling guidance for NoLos

Alcohol Focus Scotland responded to the UK Government's consultation on updating labelling guidance for no and low-alcohol alternatives (NoLos). We believe it is essential for regulations to be set out in legislation, not in voluntary guidance.

The current system and definitions are confusing. To provide clarity, regardless of descriptors, we are calling for all NoLos to clearly display their ABV content on the front of the label or packaging, and be clearly indicated at the point of sale online.

We also advocate for mandatory inclusion of health-related information such as age restriction warnings and the CMO's low-risk drinking guidelines.

We raise concerns as to the potential for increased harm from greater visibility and promotion of NoLo products due to brand-sharing, whereby alcohol substitutes are used to promote the alcohol brand.

Increasing use of NoLos alone is unlikely to achieve the UK Government's intended aim of reducing alcohol harms. We recommend implementing evidence-based measures including increasing the price of alcohol, restricting its marketing, and reducing its availability. The UK Government should publish their consultation on alcohol labelling without further delay.

🐼 Read our response and additional recommendations

O CONSULTATIONS

New Consultation: Draft treatment guidelines

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities at the UK Government are **consulting** on draft UK clinical guidelines for alcohol treatment. They have worked with the devolved governments in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland to produce the first ever UK clinical guidelines for alcohol treatment.

The main objectives of the UK clinical guidelines for alcohol treatment are to:

Develop a clear consensus on good practice

- Help services to implement interventions for harmful drinking and alcohol dependence that are recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.
- Respond to the consultation by 11:59pm on 8 December 2023

TRAINING

Alcohol Awareness Course

Alcohol Focus Scotland runs training sessions for people who want to understand alcohol, its impact and ways in which they can provide basic support and signpost others affected by it. Our alcohol awareness course is especially useful for people working in supportive roles such as caring and support services, such as housing, addictions, and community-based support services.

TRAINING

Alcohol and Older Adults Course

Ideal for anyone supporting older adults, from healthcare professionals to sheltered housing staff, this training session will help you learn about age-specific problems caused by alcohol and how to support older adults. The session will also improve your understanding of how to engage with support functions and local activity and increase your awareness of interventions.

Book your place for Tuesday 12 December, 09:30-12:30





Change and stability in British drinking practices and culture between 2009 and 2019

Although the types of drinking practices have remained stable, their frequency and characteristics like location and accompanying activities has changed, according to new research from the Sheffield Addictions Research Group (SARG). Changes included shifts away from habitual home drinking of wine, substantial transformation of the 'Big night out', and persistence in some but not all aspects of pub drinking and meal-based drinking practices.

- Read the study
- Read a Twitter/X thread from the lead author



Support for policies restricting alcohol exposure in films

People are supportive of not showing alcoholic beverages or alcohol use in films aimed at children under 15 and not glorifying alcohol consumption in films, finds new research from the La Trobe University Centre for Alcohol Policy Research.

Study participants were asked to rate their support of eight policies aimed at addressing alcohol consumption in films. People who were older, female or reported lower alcohol use were more supportive of the policies.

One group of participants was shown an infographic outlining the actual amount of alcohol in films, to determine if this would impact their views of the policies, while the other was not. Only one policy received higher support from the group that received the infographic, which was: "Information about alcohol sponsorship should be provided."

Read the study



CPG on Improving Scotland's Health: December Meeting

There is still time to join the next meeting of the Cross-Party Group on Improving

Scotland's Health. This will be held as a hybrid meeting, online and in Parliament on Wednesday 6 December 2023, 18:15-20:00.

We will be joined by Paul Johnston, Chief Executive of Public Health Scotland. Paul will share his thoughts on Scotland's wider health trends, pressure on the NHS, and the importance of addressing the role of health-harming commodities as a key element of making progress on these trends.

Members will have received details of how to book an in-person space and register for online attendance.

To become a member of the CPG please contact the secretariat at CEO@ashscotland.org.uk.

Find out more about the CPG





WHO Less Alcohol Webinar Series

The hour-long webinar, organized by the World Health Organization, will include a keynote presentation, three to four spotlight country cases, active moderation and an interactive experience for online participants. The event is free with prior registration available below:

 Measuring alcohol policy implementation: are existing tools and methods fit for purpose and use? Wednesday 7 February, 13:00 CET Past Issues

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First Minister commits to reduce children's exposure to alcohol marketing

First Minister Humza Yousaf has signed up to support our **joint campaign** with Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems, and BMA Scotland.

In the new video, the First Minister acknowledges the concerning levels of alcohol brand awareness among children and young people in Scotland, recognising that this exposure Subscribe Past Issues Translate ▼

He said, "The Scottish Government is fully committed to improving public health and reducing the health risks faced by young people. When we improve the welfare of children in Scotland we make a positive difference for generations to come. So I fully support the campaign to reduce children and young people's exposure to alcohol marketing."

- Find out more
- Contact us to pledge your support



First Minister supports Alcohol Free Kids campaign



Support for a Public Health Levy on alcohol sales

Scottish Labour is calling for the implementation of a Public Health Levy on alcohol sales to ensure income generated by Minimum Unit Pricing can fund vital, life-saving treatment. Currently, additional revenue from MUP is lining the pockets of alcohol retailers.

In the recent Budget, the Scottish Government announced they are considering reintroducing the Public Health Supplement. This is a tried and tested approach. The supplement, which applied to large retailers selling both alcohol and tobacco, raised £95 million over its 3-year duration.

In response to Scottish Labour's call, Alison Douglas, chief executive of Alcohol Focus Scotland said, "Alcohol sales revenues have increased significantly in recent years and as a result retailers are likely making greater profits. At the same time, alcohol harm is on the rise, with deaths up by 25% over the last three years and the impact felt throughout our NHS. Alcohol Focus Scotland and the NCD Alliance Scotland have been

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Evidence Session on Minimum Unit Pricing

On Tuesday 6 February, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee will be taking oral evidence on Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP). Ahead of the session where chief executive Alison Douglas and others will be giving evidence, Alcohol Focus Scotland submitted written evidence highlighting the positive impact of MUP on reducing consumption, saving lives, and reducing hospital admissions. We also outline the reasons why the minimum unit price must be increased to at least 65p.

Following the evidence session, the Committee will report to Parliament with recommendations on whether MUP should be renewed beyond April 2024, and if the price should be increased to 65p.

Watch on Scottish Parliament TV





New IAS Film: "Alcohol Marketing: Explained"

Alcohol marketing is all around us: at our favourite sports matches, on our TV screens, online, at bus stops and on billboards. It affects what we think and how we drink, nudging us to drink more and during more occasions. But how does it reach us, why are current regulatory structures failing to deal with a growing problem, why does the World Health Organization recommended comprehensive bans on alcohol marketing, and what can be done to protect the most vulnerable in society from being bombarded by alcohol ads?

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marketing intersects with perceived gender and gender norms; how alcohol marketing became so prevalent in sport; and why controlling alcohol marketing is a human rights issue.

Watch the film

Q RESEARCH

Binge-pattern alcohol consumption and genetic risk as determinants of alcohol-related liver disease

New research from UCL, the Royal Free Hospital, the University of Oxford, and the University of Cambridge finds that in the long run, the pattern of drinking is more important than volume. The risk is further increased when genetic predisposition and Type 2 diabetes are also present. These factors provide more accurate information with which to identify people most vulnerable to liver disease.

Pamela Healy, Chief Executive of the British Liver Trust said: "This research is important because it reveals that it's not just how much you drink overall but the way that you drink matters. Drinking a lot, quickly, or drinking to get drunk can have serious consequences for your liver health. Over the last twenty years, as alcohol has become more accessible and affordable, there has been a disconcerting shift in the UK's drinking culture. The UK needs to tackle increased alcohol consumption through a joined up 'alcohol strategy' that includes taxation, stronger controls on alcohol advertising and marketing and improved awareness of the dangers of binge drinking."

Read the study

Q RESEARCH

Characteristics of high- and low-risk drinkers who use online alcohol home delivery in Western Australia

High-risk drinkers purchase larger amounts of alcohol, purchase alcohol more often, and are more likely to use rapid delivery online options compared to low-risk drinkers, according to a **study** published in Drug and Alcohol Review.

The removal of physical restraints to obtaining alcohol, enabled by easily-accessible online purchasing options, may facilitate harmful drinking practices among people already considered at high-risk of an alcohol use disorder. Increased availability of alcohol is closely associated with increased level of consumption and alcohol-related harms. The

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possible impacts of home delivery on their clients' ability to reduce, or abstain from, alcohol use.

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Q RESEARCH

Type and prevalence of nutrition-related claims on alcoholic ready-to-drink beverages

Nutrition-related claims are prevalent and can mislead consumers about the healthiness of alcohol products, according to **new research** published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health.

The researchers analysed almost 500 ready-to-drink beverages in three major alcohol retailers and found that over half (52%) has at least one nutrition-related claim, despite alcohol being inherently unhealthy. Nutrition claims were found on almost all hard seltzers (96%) which are predominately targeted at younger people, with an average of 3.4 claims per product. This is particularly concerning as young people's decreasing alcohol consumption has been attributed to increased awareness of alcohol-related health harms. The researchers conclude that more stringent regulation of nutrition-related claims is needed to provide appropriate consumer protection.

Read the study



Measuring alcohol policy implementation: are existing tools and methods fit for purpose and use?

interactive experience for online participants.

Register for the event on Wednesday 7 February 2024, 13:00 CET (12:00 GMT)



CPG on Improving Scotland's Health: March Meeting

The next meeting of the Cross-Party Group on Improving Scotland's Health will be held as a hybrid meeting, online and in Parliament on **Tuesday 26 March 2024**, **18:15-19:30**.

We will be joined by **Jenni Minto MSP**, **Minister for Public Health and Women's Health**. The Minister will speak about progress made so far in tackling non-communicable diseases (NCDs), by addressing the risk factors of alcohol, tobacco, and unhealthy food; the Scottish Government's future priorities; and how the CPG can support the aim of creating a public health Parliament.

The meeting is for interested MSPs and registered group members who have completed a declaration of interest (DOI) form. The registration links for in-person and online attendance will be sent in due course. Please contact the secretariat at CEO@ashscotland.org.uk if you would like to become a member of the CPG.

Find out more about the CPG



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