

Notes from Licensing Forum Thurs 13.11.14 – 1200hrs Dunedin Room

Present: John Loudon, Isla Burton, John Murphy, Alison Magill, Jim Wilkie, Bridget Stevens, Dennis Williams, James Nicholson, Ken Fairgrieve, John Lee, Hazel Leslie, Samuel Piacentini

Apologies: Peter Swanson, Graham Arnott, Ian Lovie, Dianne Bruce, Norman Tinlin, Robin Morris, Len Havard, Jim Sherval, Barry Robertson

Paper for discussion – Alcohol Framework Task Group

Points to be raised:

Bridget Stevens: Data had been removed regarding why people would not visit the city centre.

John Loudon: No answer available as no one from economic development was available for comment

Samuel Piacentini: Why had areas been left out such as Old Town, Leith, Grassmarket and Lothian Road

John Murphy: Agreed with Samuel Piacentini but wondered if the report had been based on footfall rather than the actual location of the premises.

Chair: No comments on the competition which was important.

James Nicholson: Requested context, how does this report about Edinburgh compare with other cities

Chair: does not have that information and again apologised that there was no one available to answer questions about the report.

Dennis Wilson: Highlighted that the survey was carried out three years ago in 2011

Hazel Leslie: Asked why survey was not carried out after midnight when town would still be very busy.

Chair: Understood that everyone was disappointed that there was no one there to answer the question regarding the report.

A list of questions to be raised with report authors:

1. Which areas were surveyed?
2. What Items have been stripped out of the report?
3. Was survey carried out in any other cities?
4. Displacement is not the same for all types of venue
5. Better understanding of displacement

Chair asked who could attend to speak about the report, Nick Smith suggested that someone from economic development would be able to answer questions regarding the report.

Chair- Agenda Items:

Economic Development to discuss report (John Loudon)

Request expanded/more comprehensive report (John Murphy)

How was the info obtained, letter drop or pavement survey (Samuel Piacentini)

Edinburgh Evening Economy 2010, updated report(John Murphy)

Chair was asked if the economy influences board decisions.