

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## Licensing Forum

**10.00, Monday 2 February 2015 – Dunedin Room, City Chambers**

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend

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### 1 Agenda

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1. Apologies
2. Appointment of Convenor
3. Reappointment to Forum
4. To note considerable disappointment from all Forum members that no one from Economic Development attended our last meeting to speak to the report submitted, and to note that a specific request had been made to have someone from Economic Development in attendance today to answer detailed questions on the report. See Appendix A for some of the issues raised.
5. To note that the Head of Economic Development has committed to meeting the Forum.
6. To discuss further the presentation given by Elizabeth Richardson and Jamie Pearce (Edinburgh University) at the last Forum meeting: "Links between availability and alcohol-related harm in Scotland". See Appendix B for some example questions that might be discussed.
7. Report by Nick Smith, EADP Manager presented to Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on 27 January 2015: 'Reducing the Negative Impact of Alcohol on Our City' [http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/45908/item\\_79\\_-\\_reducing\\_the\\_negative\\_impact\\_of\\_alcohol\\_on\\_our\\_city](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/45908/item_79_-_reducing_the_negative_impact_of_alcohol_on_our_city) (Norman Tinlin).
8. To note that the Council's Culture and Sport Committee (CSC) have set up a short life-working group to examine issues relating to noise complaints and best practice in other cities. Nick Fraser (CEC Senior Solicitor) and Andrew Mitchell (CEC Community Safety Manager responsible for Licensing) will be on this group. Any change to a noise condition attached to premises licences, if so recommended by CSC, might require a change of the Licensing Board's existing policy. If so the Forum could then offer advice to the Board.
9. Alcohol Focus Scotland - work to involve communities in licensing decisions - Nick Smith, Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership Manager.
10. To receive an update on Personal Licence refresher training from Morag Leck, CEC Principal Solicitor.
11. What do Forum Members wish to discuss and/or seek to achieve this year?
12. AOCB
13. DONM

### 2. Forum Members as at 31 December 2014

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Licensing Standards Officer

- Ken Fairgrieve

#### **Licence Holders and Persons with Relevant Interests**

- Alison Magill
- Graeme Arnott
- Marshall Bain
- Rosaleen Harley
- Dennis Williams
- John Murphy
- John Lee
- Peter Swanson
- James Nicholson

#### **Lothian and Borders Police**

- Inspector Dianne Bruce

#### **Health, Education & Social Work**

- Jim Sherval

#### **Young Persons**

- Tasha Boardman (Vice President (Services) – EUSA)

#### **Residents**

- Chris Wigglesworth
- Bridget Stevens
- Len Havard (North rep.)
- Honor Flynn (East rep.)
- John Loudon (West rep.) (**Convener**)
- Norman Tinlin (South West rep.)
- Samuel Piacentini (City Centre/Leith rep.)
- Robin Morris (South rep.)

### **3. Terms of reference of the Forum**

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- 3.1 To keep the liquor licensing system in the Council area under regular review and to seek to stimulate debate on matters relevant to the system.
- 3.2 To respond to consultation exercises undertaken by the Board and the Scottish Executive.
- 3.3 To consider the implications of relevant local data and statistics for the liquor licensing system in the Council area;
- 3.4 To meet the Board at least once per year.

- 3.5 To give advice and make recommendations to the Board on relevant matters, except individual licensing applications.

## Information about the Licensing Forum

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The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requires each council to establish a Local Licensing Forum. The Licensing Forum represents the views of people concerned with the operation of the alcohol/liquor licensing system in the City of Edinburgh.

The Forum keeps under review the operation of the alcohol licensing system and gives advice and makes recommendations to the Licensing Board. However, it can not give advice or make recommendations on any individual case or the Licensing Board's consideration of any individual application.

The Forum is appointed to represent the views of organisations and the citizens of people in the City of Edinburgh Council area.

## Further information

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If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Isla Burton, Community Safety, City of Edinburgh Council at [isla.burton@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:isla.burton@edinburgh.gov.uk).

A copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting will be available for inspection prior to the meeting by contacting Isla Burton (details above).

The agenda, minutes and public reports for this meeting can be viewed online by going to <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol>.

## **Annex A**

### **Economic Development - brief report presented to the Forum on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Noting that Forum members had a variety of points and questions (see annex A), including:

1. Noted that the information therein was only from 2011
2. Why did the report not include areas such as Lothian Road, Cowgate, Grassmarket, Leith Walk etc?
3. What was the basis of the report e.g. footfall?
4. Is there similar information available for other citrus and if so may the Forum please see this?
5. A better explanation and/or insight into what Displacement really means and how this might be broken down further.
6. As regards Displacement does the element of competition and “improving the offer” not play an important roll?
7. Can there please be an expansion of the figures with more detail.
8. Can the "stripped out" information please be added back in, as it represents the largest proportion of the statistics given.
9. Is there an update of the 2010 report “Edinburgh's Evening Economy”, or is one going to be done, and by when?

## Appendix B

To discuss further the presentation at the last Forum meeting by Elizabeth Richardson and Jamie Pearce (Edinburgh University):

- Links between availability and alcohol-related harm in Scotland

Example questions that might be discussed, with a view to possibly making comment or a recommendation to the Licensing Board:

1. Trying to understand people's buying habits and patterns.
2. Where do people buy take-away alcohol in relationship to their homes?
3. Type of outlet:  
Corner or small local shop, mini chain supermarket, large supermarket, pub, hotel, restaurant, other?
4. How far do people travel to buy off-sales?
5. Car, van, bus, walk, other?
6. What % of off sales are now bought via:  
Internet  
Online supermarket deliveries
7. What % of alcohol is bought on-sales as opposed to off-sales?

**NB It should be noted that further research on any of the above items will require considerable time resource, and should really only be asked for if the information obtained is of real value to the Forum and/or the Board.**