

Notice of meeting and agenda

Licensing Forum

13:00, Tuesday 13 October 2015 – Dunedin Room, City Chambers

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1(a) Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting (25 June 2015)
3. To note and discuss the terms of the updated Edinburgh Evening Economy briefing paper see attached papers.
4. To have a brief update from Morag Lech or Nicholas Fraser on the numbers of occasional licences issued for and during the festival, what % were late and how were late applications dealt with standing the recommendations the Forum last year.
5. Forum Convener - evening visits 28 August 2015 – note circulated. To discuss content and debate recommendations.
6. Standing item: report from the Licensing Inspector on the relocation of Police resource from the suburbs to the city centre at weekends, and other periods of busy activity, and related matters.
7. Standing item: report from the Licensing Inspector on applications to the Board regarding which the Police have made representations or objections.
8. To consider having an additional possibly joint Licensing Forum/Board Meeting later in the year (end of November?) to discuss "Encouraging Live Music in Edinburgh".
9. AOCB
10. DONM - TBC

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1(b) Agenda

1. Apologies – Jim Sherval (substituted by Nick Smith from EADP)
2. Forum Convener - evening visits 28 August 2015 – note circulated. To discuss matters arising from the earlier Forum meeting, if any.

3. John Murphy - would the Board agree that the running of organised 'booze tours' in the city centre is detrimental to the type of visitors that we are trying to attract. Would they consider contacting pubs involved in such schemes and pointing out the potential breach of licensing objectives?
4. John Murphy - the Forum had previously suggested that late applications (those falling outwith the minimum notice required by the board should generally be rejected. Instead a 20% levy has been imposed. Would the Board care to comment on this?
5. John Murphy - sales figures from on sales are publicly available, whereas off sales (which supply over 70% of the alcohol sold in the city) are regarded as commercially sensitive. Could the Board consider applying pressure on government to make those figures available?
6. AOCB
7. DONM

2. Forum Members as at 31 December 2014

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.)
- Vacant (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

- 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

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

If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Gordon Hunter, Community Safety, City of Edinburgh Council at gordon.hunter@edinburgh.gov.uk.

A copy of the agenda and any 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>.