

Licensing Forum

Tuesday 28th June

Mandela Room, City Chambers

Present: Rosaleen Harley (RH) (Convener), Norman Tinlin, Dennis Williamson, Peter Swanson, John Lee, Samuel Piacentini, Inspector Dianne Bruce (DB), Sergeant John Young(JY), Chris Wigglesworth(CW), Bridget Stevens, John Murphy (JM) , Nick Fraser (NF).

In attendance: Loraine Duckworth, Elizabeth Oldcorn, Martin Rich, Isla Burton, Roger Colkett

Apologies: James Nicholson, Ken Fairgrieve, Graeme Arnott, Robin Morris, Marshall Bain, Jim Sherval, Robin Morris, Penny Richardson.

Agenda

1. **Apologies**- Please see above.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - Agreed.
3. **Role of Forum & update on overprovision - Nick Fraser.** Nick fully explained the role of the Forum, Licensing Board statements, overprovision, and how the new bill affects the timing for the new policy statement. How specific do statistics need to be to demonstrate strong causal link between alcohol in Edinburgh as whole locality and harm?
Update on Overprovision: Loraine Duckworth - JM states areas of special concern can be viewed by Board as regeneration of certain areas therefore licences more likely to be granted. DB declared no applications refused in areas of special concern in Edinburgh. SP states Board has no legal strength to oppose overprovision of supermarket off-sales. NF relates if Board reaches strong assessment far easier to refuse applications within these localities, tight policy should allow for Board to comfortably refuse applications. RH asks Forum for papers on Leith Statistics to be circulated for next meeting. Thoughts and recommendations are to be presented at next meeting.
4. **Overprovision - What Forum may wish to recommend to the next Licensing Board.** JM- Statistics are to be watertight before recommendations presented to the Board. Forum all in agreement. Board to possibly categorise, e.g. O/P on off-sales next to domestic commodities. NF states this should be possible. DB suggests push Board on areas of special concern. CW- this continuing problem should be on record. BS agrees more than a verbal exchange. Agreed that advance notice will be provided of issues to be raised with Board.
5. **AOCB** - RH asks NF when outcome of 'Music Is Audible' consultation will be published. NF states Board to notify Forum by 1st August. RH suggests changing wording of terms to be less stringent "an audible nuisance". JM states less stringent could lead to overworked police/LSO. No votes in favour of changing local condition, 5 votes in favour of no change to the existing local condition. DB & JY vote on behalf of Police Scotland for no change.
6. **DONM - Date TBC for October.**

