

## Licensing Forum

9 March 2017

### Dunedin Room, City Chambers

Present: Rosaleen Harley (Convener)(RH), Marshall Bain(MB), Graeme Arnott(GA), Chris Wigglesworth (CW), Bridget Stevens (BS), Penny Richardson (PR), Roger Colkett (RC), Robin Morris (RM), Peter Swanson (PS), Norman Tinlin (NT), Paul Togneri, Ken Fairgrieve (KF), Sgt John Young (JY), Jim Sherval (JS),

In attendance: Angela Blacklock (AB), Chas Booth (CB), Tom Veitch (TV), Nick Fraser (NF), Andrew Mitchell (AM), Isla Burton (IB), Elizabeth Oldcorn (EO), Nick Smith (NS), Linda Bowie (LB), Steven Peer (SP), Clive O'Neill (CO), John Thompson (JT).

Apologies: James Nicholson

#### **Agenda**

1. **Apologies** – As noted above
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** - approved.
3. **Forum Membership & Reappointment** – AM updated the Forum as to the process of re-appointment and membership of the Forum. AM confirmed that no radical changes would be proposed. AM invited comments on proposed structure and constitution and would send out any available information. AM confirmed current constitution was available online. AM confirmed a report regarding this would be drafted for full Council before summer recess, if possible. Forum agreed that Convener would remain the same at present. AM agreed to consider the appointment of Educational Rep to the Forum.
4. **National Licensing Forum** – RH updated the Forum regarding a meeting of 6 localities to ascertain the merits of having a National Licensing Forum (NLF). LB confirmed that a previous NLF had convened in 2005. RH read out NLF questionnaire which would be circulated to Forum members with response required by 31 March 2017.
5. **Police Scotland Update** – JY confirmed that 146 Extended Hours applications had been received in intervening period to which Police Scotland lodged 24 objections and 44 representations. JY did not have exact figures of licence refusals but informed the Forum that decisions had been balanced. JY confirmed he would be happy to take comments from Forum in order for him to report on. JY confirmed he could give information on police visits, number of incidents etc.
6. **Overprovision in Leith** – RH confirmed that the Licensing Board had already agreed to leave any decision regarding overprovision to the incoming Board. NF confirmed

that consultation times meant it was more appropriate for the next Licensing Board to consider and that it remained on the agenda.

7. **AOCB** – PR asked if it could be made clear that appointment is required to view licensing applications. AM happy to consider and facilitate viewing of applications as much as possible. AM confirmed that no current infrastructure existed to have applications online at present and that a current corporate project was looking at this. PR suggested a Forum working group to suggest improvements to website. PR suggested an away day/evening for new Forum which RH agreed to discuss. JS proposed to convene a small group to draw up a short note on ‘what to expect at the licensing board’ for people attending the board. All agreed, JS to proceed and report progress back to the next meeting.
8. **DONM** – Early June – IB to confirm.