

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

	Item	Discussion	Action / Decisions	To be actioned by
1	<u>Introduction</u>	<p>The Convener opened the meeting and advised that today's meeting was not quorate and as such no decisions could be made, to this point he expressed his disappointment with regards to the turnout.</p> <p>The Convener reminded members that he had had sent his apologies to the Forum's previous meeting on 16 March 2016 and he thanked Shamini Omnes for chairing the meeting in his absence.</p> <p>He also introduced himself and welcomed Giedre Neniute onto the Forum as the Young Persons representative and advised that he and his colleague Heather Wilson from NHS Grampian would attend the Youth Council's next meeting on 31 May 2016 to provide a briefing on licensing issues and the work of the Forum.</p>	<p><u>The Forum Resolved</u></p> <p>(i) to note that the meeting was not quorate;</p> <p>(ii) to thank Shamini Omnes for chairing the Forum's previous meeting on 16 March 2016; and</p> <p>(iii) to welcome Giedre Neniute onto the Forum.</p>	
2	<u>Minute of Meeting of 16 March 2016</u>	The Clerk advised that as the meeting was not quorate the minute could not be approved and its consideration should be deferred to the Forum's next meeting on 13 September 2016.	<p><u>The Forum Resolved</u></p> <p>To defer consideration of the minute of the previous meeting – 16 March 2016 to the Forum's next meeting on 13 September 2016.</p>	I Robertson
3	<u>Matters Arising</u>	N/A	N/A	
4	<u>Membership Updates</u>	The Clerk advised that Emily Queen was now on maternity leave and she would be replaced by Kerry Laing as the Community Safety representative to the Forum.	<p><u>The Forum Resolved</u></p> <p>To note that Kerry Laing had been nominated to replace Emily Queen as the Community Safety representative to the Forum.</p>	I Robertson

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5	<u>SLP Consultation Submission - NHS Grampian</u>	<p>The Forum received a presentation from Dr Tara Shivaji (NHS Grampian) on NHS Grampian's SLP consultation submission to the Aberdeen City Licensing Board. Dr Shivaji advised that the response focussed on localities rather than on a citywide basis as the research aimed to capture changes in culture and the use of community based services. Dr Shivaji explained that harmful use of alcohol had increased and she highlighted the clustering of licensed premises in areas of multiple deprivation. She added that demand for alcohol had increased in conjunction with accessibility and this had led to a rise in the number of hospital admissions for acute alcohol intoxication in recent years and an increase in the rate of referrals to the Integrated Alcohol Service for deprived areas in comparison to the Aberdeen City average.</p>	<p><u>The Forum Resolved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the information provided; and (ii) to thank Dr Shivaji for the informative presentation. 	
6	<u>SLP Consultation Submission - Police Scotland</u>	<p>Gill Flett advised the Forum that Police Scotland's SLP submission had developed bespoke mapping which plotted and matched offences relative to their proximity to licensed premises and she explained that there was a clear link between a number of incidents and off sales premises but this data would ultimately be for the Licensing Board to interpret and analyse. She added that a number of areas of the City Centre were overprovisioned with licensed premises but noted that Police Scotland would be open to making a distinction in future SLPs between cafes and restaurants and bars and clubs.</p> <p>The Convener informed the Forum that</p>	<p><u>The Forum Resolved</u></p> <p>To note the information provided.</p>	

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		alcohol sales in Scotland had increased over the previous two years and the rate of alcohol consumption was significantly higher in Scotland than in England or Wales. He highlighted that alcohol in Scotland was generally cheaper and that 5% of alcohol sales were sold at 30p per unit.		
7	<u>Agenda Setting for Joint Meeting with the Licensing Board - 8 June 2016</u>	<p>The Convener referred to his letter to the Convener of the Licensing Board dated 13 January 2016 which had been attached to today's agenda and he briefly summarised the letter's recommendations for the Licensing Board's consideration. He advised that these recommendations would form the basis of the agenda for the upcoming Joint Meeting on 8 June 2016.</p> <p>Giedre Neniute highlighted that these issues would be discussed at the next Aberdeen Youth Council on 31 May 2016 and she advised that she would correspond with the Clerk if any pertinent issues arose at the meeting ahead of the publication of the Joint Meeting agenda.</p>	<p><u>The Forum Resolved</u></p> <p>(i) to note the information provided; and (ii) to note that Giedre Neniute would correspond with the Clerk if any pertinent issues arose at the next Aberdeen Youth Council meeting ahead of the publication of the Joint Meeting agenda.</p>	G Neniute
8	<u>Update from Police Scotland</u>	<p>Gill Flett advised that Police Scotland's Licensing division had been restructured and there was now one North East Licensing Division servicing the whole of the Grampian area. Sgt Flett added that a new licensing database was also being developed.</p> <p><u>The Forum Resolved</u> To note the information provided.</p>		
9	<u>Update from Licensing</u>	N/A	N/A	

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	<u>Standards Officer</u>			
10	<u>Update from Unight Representative</u>	N/A	N/A	
11	<u>Update from NHS Grampian and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership</u>	Shamini Omnes explained that the integration of health and social care was ongoing and she had been reassigned to the newly established Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership. She added that her role would be to support adults and older people in the city's South locality.	<u>The Forum Resolved</u> To note the update provided.	
12	<u>Update from Children's Services Representative</u>	N/A		
13	<u>Progress Statement</u>	<p>The Clerk highlighted that the Statement of Licensing Policy Refresh had been added to the Statement and advised that he would welcome further member input on items for future inclusion.</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted that the Statement of Licensing Policy Refresh had been added to the Statement and advised that he would welcome further member input on items for future inclusion.</p> <p>The Chair apologised to Dr Shivaji and Dr Kasengele for the poor attendance at today's meeting and advised that he would write to all Forum members to express his disappointment and to stress the importance of the Forum's function and to emphasise that if members were unable to attend a meeting</p>	<u>The Forum Resolved</u> (i) to note the Progress Statement; and (ii) to note that the Convener would write to all Forum members to express his disappointment at the low turnout for today's meeting.	S Kelman

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		they should contact the Clerk to record their apologies and arrange for a suitable substitute to attend in their stead.		

If you require any further information about this minute, please contact Iain Robertson, tel. 01224 522869 or email iairobertson@aberdeencity.gov.uk