

Purpose and Function/ Remit of the Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum

Members are asked to consider the LLF'S Purpose / Function / Remit and Mission Statement and to provide feedback. Feedback will be collated and discussed during the meeting.

	DRAFT PROPSAL	COMMENT	MEMBER FEEDBACK
PURPOSE	<p>The Local Licensing Forum is a key element of Aberdeen City's approach to managing the impact of alcohol use in the City in order to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.</p> <p>The Statement of Licensing policy provide the governing framework for the Forum and the Forum also considers the wider context such as the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), the City's Masterplan and Community Planning.</p> <p>The Licensing Objectives are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preventing crime and disorder 2. Securing public safety 3. Preventing public nuisance 4. Protecting and improving public health 5. Protecting children from harm 	<p>Statement of Licensing policy – What is this? Do we need to define this for new members.</p> <p>Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), the City's Masterplan and Community Planning. – These are all current development plans. The LLF's purpose and remit should not give direct reference to such development plans as they are only the current Council's policy/projects and they can change and evolve. The Purpose of the LLF should be able to</p> <p>Should we give a brief understanding of the Licensing Objectives? Should the Objectives be contained within the purpose of the Forum?</p>	

<p>FUNCTION</p>	<p>The function of the Forum is to explore the role of alcohol in the City and understand its impact in order to add value to the Licensing Board's decision making. The Forum is made up of representatives of a wide variety groups all of whom are able to bring a different perspective on alcohol across the City. The Forum meets 4 times a year and through discussion of these differing perspectives is able to develop a view on issues of relevance to the Licensing Board. The advice to the Licensing Board may be based on evidence, either qualitative or quantitative, or feedback which is available to members of the LLF via their constituencies.</p>		
<p>REMIT</p>	<p>Remit of Local Licensing Forums as set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – keeping under review the operation of the Act in the Forum's area and in particular the exercise by the Licensing Board of their functions including giving advice and making recommendations to the Board in relation to those matters where the Forum considers it appropriate. The Act does not enable a Forum to review or give advice or make recommendations in relation to the exercise by a Board of their function in relation to a particular case. "Case" is taken to mean an application before a Board and in the interests of natural justice is also taken to mean individual licensed premises. The preferred route for consideration of complaints about the running of licensed premises is to write</p>	<p>This is the wording used within legislation and there is limited scope to change this.</p>	

	<p>directly to the Clerk or Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board.</p> <p>The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requires Licensing Boards in exercising any of their functions to have regard to any advice given or recommendations made to them by a Local Licensing Forum and where the Board decides not to follow the advice or recommendation to give the Forum reasons for that decision, the Board must provide copies of relevant statistical information to the Forum as it may reasonably require for the purposes of its general functions.</p>	<p>Can more be provided from the Board to facilitate the Forum? If Yes, what does this look like?</p>	
<p>MISSION STATEMENT</p>	<p>The Forum provides a unique opportunity for influence and collaboration based on its diverse membership and access to a wide range of information from its constituent groups. It has the ability to integrate such information for the purpose of continual development of communication with the Aberdeen City Licensing Board and therefore to influence licensing policy.</p> <p>The Forum will aim to be innovative and creative in how it functions in order to ensure it is effective both in terms of dealing with current issues and also planning for the future.</p> <p>The Forum will explore issues associated with the use of alcohol in Aberdeen City by</p>		

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) considering the implications of relevant local data and statistics provided by various groups including, but not exclusively, Police Scotland, NHS Grampian and local drugs and alcohol groups.b) responding to consultation exercises undertaken by Aberdeen City Licensing Board and Scottish Governmentc) reviewing relevant aspects of the local licensing system which emerge through the member's constituent groups as being of concern. | | |
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