

**ABERDEEN CITY LOCAL LICENSING FORUM**  
**UPDATE FOR LICENSING BOARD 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

**Introduction**

This paper provides an update to the Licensing Board of key agenda items which were discussed at the Local Licensing Forum on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The role of the Forum is to provide feedback and recommendations to the Board in relation to the safe use of alcohol and the upholding of the licensing objectives.

**1. Forum Membership**

- We are actively seeking a member to represent off-sales.
- Aberdeen Inspired have agreed to engage with the Forum
- An additional on-sales representative has been identified.
- Discussions continue with Community Safety.

**2. National Licensing Forum Group**

- Recent discussion has taken place with Scottish Government regarding the next meeting of the National Group which is likely to take place in September. Local Licensing Forums have been asked to consider how the Scottish Government Justice Department (who organise and oversee the National Group) can support Forums. Our initial discussions have identified
  - a) the need for IT systems which can support local data gathering and analysis
  - b) the development of a national set of success criteria for Forums.
  - c) effective communication regarding National campaigns.

**3. Plans for Development Day**

- The annual Development Day for the Forum is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that we would invite a representative from Alcohol and Drugs Action to speak about ADA and their work with the intention of helping us to identify future actions and/or areas of focus for the Forum. A verbal update will be provided at the Licensing Board meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

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