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Councillor Marie Boulton
Convener of the Licensing Board
Aberdeen City Council
Town House
Aberdeen

Dear Councillor Boulton

REQUESTS FROM LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

The Local Licensing Forum held a meeting on Thursday 6th September 2012. During discussion, Licensing Forum members decided that a letter should be sent to the Licensing Board asking that it consider the following.

1. The Licensing Forum requests that the Licensing Board set up a sub-group involving members of the Licensing Board and Licensing Forum in order to explore intelligence / data that is required to assist the Licensing Board in preparation for its work on drafting the updated Licensing Board Policy due to be published in November 2013.

If this request is agreed, the Licensing Forum nominates: Inspector John Soutar, Grampian Police; Garry Burnett, Grampian Fire and Rescue; Diane Sande, Licensing Standards Officer; Linda Smith, NHS Grampian; Sandy Kelman, Aberdeen City ADP; Mairi MacLeod, ACC Childrens Services; Ken Eddie, Civic Forum representative and a representative (still to be identified) from 'Unight' to sit on this sub-group.

2. The Licensing Forum requests that the Licensing Board formally acknowledge the recently refreshed publication of the Aberdeen City ADP Alcohol strategy and endorse that they are in agreement with its aims and objectives.

3. The Licensing Forum requests that the Licensing Board formally acknowledge the results from the recently published results of the Aberdeen City Voice questionnaire 26 (Alcohol purchase and promotion) and agree that this information should be considered as part of the intelligence / data which will help to inform it in the work it will do in preparing for the drafting of the updated Licensing Board Policy.
4. The Licensing Forum requests that the Licensing Board arrange for a statistical mapping exercise to be carried out on, a) off-sales, and, b) on sales, across Aberdeen City. The mapping of the off-sales should detail the location of the premise and total square area of 'shelf space' used at each location for the purposes of selling alcohol. The Licensing Forum considers that the collation of this statistical data would prove extremely useful in relation to work needed to be done in preparation for the new policy statement, especially around the section on overprovision.

Thank you in advance and we will look forward to the Boards response.

Yours sincerely

Local Licensing Forum