

**LATE HOURS CATERING GRANT  
SHOPEXPRESS SCOTLAND Ltd t/a SWEET NEWS**

**This application is before the Committee because** the hours sought are outwith the committee's guidelines for late hours catering licences. The guideline hour for premises in this location (outwith city centre) is midnight.

However, this application has been submitted because of a recent change in the legislation. It used to be the case that a late hours catering licence was required for providing meals and refreshment between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00. The Committee defined refreshment as hot food and hot beverages. But a recent change in the legislation has replaced "meals and refreshment" with "food". Food is defined as per the terms of Section 1 of the Safety of Food Act 1990. This has the effect that late night shops selling any type of food (between 23.00 and 05.00) require to have a late hours catering licence.

Members will have to decide whether or not their guideline terminal hour should also apply to this type of premises.

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