

ABERDEEN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 26 October 2009

Present:- Allan McIntosh, Chairperson; Sandy Kelman (substituting for Dr. Lesley Wilkie), Diane Sande, and Bob Westland.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Jennie Biggs, Sohail Faruqi, Inspector John Soutar, Dr. Lesley Wilkie and George Wyatt.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FORUM MEETING TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2009

The Sub Committee agreed that the following items should be included on the agenda for the Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum meeting on Thursday 12 November 2009 at 2pm –

- (1) update on Overprovision Assessment
- (2) update on Provision of Late Night Bus Services
- (3) feedback from Community Councils
- (4) Working Group – Reducing Alcohol Related Violence in the City Centre
- (5) Statistical Information
- (6) update from Licensing Standards Officer
- (7) work plan
- (8) links with other Local Licensing Forums
- (9) consideration of Licensing Board policy frameworks
- (10) consideration of 'Licensing for Public Health' publication
- (11) Update on Alcohol Strategy

In addition to the above, updates will be given on the actions approved by the Forum at its meeting on 17 September 2009. For example in relation to making representations on the staffing resources to implement the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in the light of comparative information on the number of Licensing Standards Officers employed in other Scottish cities. The Forum will be advised of the arrangements for the alcohol summit meeting provisionally arranged for 16 November 2009 at 4.30pm in the Town House. There will be an opportunity for the Forum to consider the points they wish to be discussed at the alcohol summit in addition to the invitation for the Forum to be represented.

The Licensing Standards Officer indicated she hoped to have information on noise nuisance complaints and other statistics in time for the Forum meeting in February 2010. However if this was not possible the statistics would be available for future meetings. In relation to developing links with other Local Licensing Forums it will be suggested that we pursue links with the Forum in Dundee in addition to Aberdeenshire as we may have issues in common with another city. It was noted that the National Licensing Development Officer was asked during the Aviemore Conference about arranging/

supporting meetings where Forum representatives could exchange information and experience.

In relation to Policy frameworks operated by other Licensing Boards it was agreed it may be appropriate to discuss at the Forum sending an interim reply to the Aberdeen City Alliance to their request that the Forum to consider whether or not there was a policy gap when a comparison is made with the Aberdeen Licensing Board policy framework. Information on standard licence conditions has been requested from the City Council's Licensing Section in order to complete the consideration of policies. Therefore a final reply cannot be prepared. Forum members will be asked if they have any specific comments other than the consideration given to this matter by members of the Sub-Committee.

WORK PLAN

It was noted that information had been requested from the City Council's Licensing Section on their plans to submit statistics to future meetings of the Licensing Board and the categories of that information. It is hoped that for the Forum meeting in 2010 more details can be added to the Work Plan. For example the Aberdeen City Alliance at its meeting on 25th November, 2009, should receive a report giving an update on "Public Safety in the City Centre" which will be of interest to the Forum.

CHRISTMAS MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to members of the Forum advising them that the Christmas meal for members of the Forum will take place on Thursday 26 November (6.30pm for 7pm) giving a choice of venues to ascertain if there is a preference.

NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum after the November meeting is on Thursday 25 February 2010 at 2pm and therefore there was no immediate need to agree a date for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- **ALLAN McINTOSH, Chairperson**.