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About the Local Licensing Forum

The Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum was established in 2007, as required by the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The Forum has been set up to keep the operation of the Licensing (Scotland) Act under review, and to give advice and make recommendations to the Licensing Board. The Board must have regard to any advice given, or recommendations made by the Forum, and where the Board decides not to follow the advice or recommendation, it must give the Forum reasons for the decision. The Board and Forum hold a joint meeting on an annual basis.

Membership of the Forum

Forums can vary in membership from 5 to 21 members. The Licensing Act states that the Forum must include members who are representative of the key interest areas, namely:-

- holders of premises licences and personal licences
- the Chief Constable for the police area in which the Forum is situated
- persons having functions relating to health, education or social work
- young people
- persons resident within the Forum's area
- a Licensing Standards Officer

The Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum has 12 members:-

Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences

Russell Davidson, UNIGHT
William Christie

Chief Constable for the area in which the Forum is situated

Inspector Jim Hume

Persons having functions relating to health, education or social work

Sandy Kelman, Aberdeen Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Linda Smith, NHS Grampian
Craig Cole, Aberdeen Samaritans
Emily Queen, Community Safety Partnership

Vacancy, Education, Aberdeen City Council

Dave Bliss, Practice Improvement Officer, Children's Services, Aberdeen City Council

Young People

Struan King, Youth Council

Persons resident within the Forum's area

Ken Eddie, Civic Forum

Licensing Standards Officer

Diane Sande / Tara-Erin Gilchrist

The Forum also has a number of co-optees who are invited to attend meetings, but are not voting members. The co-optees are:-

Piotr Teodorowski, Civic Forum

George Wyatt and Craig Adams, Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences

Street Pastors - representative to be confirmed

Bob Westland, Door Security

When does the Forum meet?

The Forum meets five times a year. You can view agendas and minutes [here](#).
