

ABERDEEN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 3 February, 2010

Present: Sandy Kelman (substituting for Doctor Lesley Wilkie), Raymond Morrison, Diane Sande and Inspector John Soutar.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Sohail Faruqi, Allan McIntosh, Bob Westland, Dr. Lesley Wilkie and George Wyatt.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FORUM MEETING TO BE HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2010

The Sub-Committee agreed that the following items should be included on the agenda for the Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum meeting on Thursday, 25th February, 2010 at 2pm:-

- (1) Update on Overprovision Assessment;
- (2) Update on Provision of Late Night Bus Services
- (3) Public Safety in the City Centre
- (4) Statistical Information
- (5) Update from Licensing Standards Officer
- (6) Work Plan
- (7) Links with other Local Licensing Forums and Feedback from meeting on 8th February, 2010
- (8) Aberdeen City Licensing Board – Local Licence Conditions and Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy
- (9) Alcohol Etc. (Scotland) Bill – Update
- (10) Feedback from weekend visit with Grampian Police
- (11) Invitation to Annual Conference of Licensing Board Conveners “Tackling Alcohol Misuse” Edinburgh, Tuesday, 23rd March, 2010

WORKPLAN

The Sub-Committee noted the proposed amended format of the Workplan and that the intention was to record decisions/actions agreed by the Forum and monitor progress.

The Sub-Committee noted the update in relation to Staffing Levels in particular the fact that Aberdeen City is the only city in Scotland to employ only one Licensing Standards Officer. Having noted the outcome of consideration of this matter by the Head of Service (Housing and Environment) in the City Council, it was agreed to recommend to the Forum that they consider noting the update but requesting the Chief Executive of the City Council to supplement the staffing resources in 2010/11 bearing in mind the Council's corporate priority of addressing substance misuse and its commitment to contribute to the achievement of the objective set out in the Aberdeen Alcohol Strategy which was launched in December, 2009.

In relation to statistical information it was agreed to ask the Forum to clarify the categories of information it requires in order to make a comparison with the performance information which Licensing Board and statutory agencies such as NHS Grampian and Grampian Police indicate they will be making available to the Forum later this year. Meantime the Sub-Committee noted that the Licensing Board are still awaiting confirmation from the Scottish Government on the content and frequency of performance reports they will require. The Sub-Committee also agreed it would be useful for the Forum to clarify what action it intends to take in the light of information made available to it in future in order to maximise the value of the work in producing the data.

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The Members of the Sub-Committee present agreed with the suggestion that it would be a more efficient use of their time if future meetings of the Sub-Committee considered specific tasks and remits from the Forum or other bodies and that it would not be necessary in future to meet to consider agenda business for Forum meetings. An arrangement whereby the draft agenda for Forum meetings would be circulated to Members of the Sub-Committee for their approval or suggested amendments would be more appropriate in future. It was agreed to recommend this change in the role of the Sub-Committee to the next Forum meeting.