

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE
PREMISES: CHEERS BAR, 2-8 EXCHANGE STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to the commencement of operating hours Monday to Saturday from 11:00 to 12:00 and from 12:30 12:00 on Sundays.
- Variation to terminal hour on Sundays to Thursdays from 00:00 to 02:00 and from 01:00 to 02:00

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland
- Environmental Health

POLICY

Hours of trading –extended

Premises in the City that provide significant entertainment (to the satisfaction of the Board) may apply and be granted hours until 02.00 Sunday – Thursday and 03.00 on Fridays and Saturdays. The Board regards significant entertainment to be entertainment which is of such a nature to be the principal attraction for patrons to attend the premises and where alcohol is served to patrons only as an ancillary accompaniment to their attendance and /or participation in the entertainment provided. The Board considers in these cases that the entertainment is the principal reason for patrons attending the licensed premises and that the consumption of alcohol would therefore be ancillary to such entertainment. In order to be consistent with the licensing objectives. This would apply to premises such as nightclubs (with dance floor areas/facilities included in their operating plan and detailed in their layout plan) where recorded or live music for dancing is provided. Other examples of where significant entertainment may apply are discos, DJs, adult entertainment, and live music for concerts, cabaret and theatrical plays. Some examples where the Board does not consider there to be significant entertainment are pool, darts, dominoes, leisure facilities and background music. The Board are entitled to distinguish between premises of different descriptions offering different facilities or activities. e.g. Section 27(9) of the 2005 Act allows the Board to impose conditions in relation to the sale of alcohol on a premises to which a licence relates or any other activity carried on in such premises. In light of the evidence before the Board on the levels of alcohol consumption in the city and the levels of alcohol related crime the Board wish to promote in terms of the objectives the types of premises which can operate where the service and sale of alcohol is not the primary objective thus contributing to the

positive night time economy in the City but not adding to the health or crime related harms associated with are premises which focus wholly or mainly on alcohol consumption.