

I was pleased to see that much of the priority considerations of the licensing forum and the flavour of discussions at the joint meeting are well reflected in the revised SOLP. My only additional suggested tweaks to the public health content would have been the highlighted additions below.

Factors to be considered in connection with this particular licensing objective include, but are not limited to:

- Access to alcohol by vulnerable persons
- Excessive consumption and consumption by persons already intoxicated
- Irresponsible promotion and selling of alcohol
- Education around unit strength of alcohol

What the Board Will Do:

- Utilise local conditions on licences where appropriate.
- Liaise with public health organisation, the local licensing forum and other relevant parties including planning department where appropriate.
- Monitor the number and capacity of premises, public health data and overprovision policies.
- Contribute to raising awareness of the licensing system including the provision of 'easy to use' templates for responsible authorities to make representations.

What the Board Will Expect of Licence Holders/Applicants

- Proactive layout of off-sales premises to discourage impulse buying and theft of alcohol.
- Adequate staff training, including refusals policy and incident recording.
- Availability and visibility of low/non-alcoholic products and soft drinks.
- Licensed hours reflective of operating hours.
- Awareness of irresponsible promotions.

What the Board Will Expect of Partner Agencies:

- Effective communication of relevant trends and information.
- Provision of accurate statistics to assist with Board policy and decision making.
- Participation in efforts to increase public awareness of initiatives to protect and improve public health.