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Director Eibhlin McHugh

# NOTICE OF MEETING MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

**Venue:** Committee Room, Midlothian House

Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

## **AGENDA**

1	Welcome and Apologies				
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2	Minutes of the previous meeting				
	<ul> <li>Forum meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015</li> </ul>	R			
	Actions	R			
3	Minutes of the licensing Board – latest approved minutes:  None				
4	Licensing update report:	R			
	Licensing Standards Officer				
	Police Licensing Officer				
	Community Safety				
5	Education letter response				
6	Community Alcohol Partnerships – presentation from Dougie Paterson, Community Alcohol Partnerships Officer for Scotland				
7	Licensing forum – future action plan				
8	Future meeting dates V				
9	Any Other Business				
10	Date of next meeting: 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 10:30-12:30 Joint meeting with the Licensing Board				
(R)	(R) = report attached (V) = verbal update (TF) = to follow				

**MINUTES** of **MEETING** of the **LOCAL LICENSING FORUM** held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10.00 am.

#### Present:-

Representatives of Residents within the Forum's Area: Alasdair Gow (chair), Derek Couper, Alistair Mackintosh, Ross Craig, Bill Kerr-Smith (Federation of Community Councils)

Representatives of holders of premises licences/ personal licences: Gemma Shand (personal license holder), Logan Bryce (Sainsburys, Salters Rd), Patrick Kenny (The Mayflower),

Representative of Police, Health, Education, Social Work, Midlothian Council: Jim Leslie, John Thayers, Jim Sherval (NHS Lothian), Mark Richardson (Licensing Standards Officer)

In Attendance: - Rosie Kendall (Community Safety Manager/ Clerk to the Forum),

**Apologies**: Jim Church, Adam Bolton (The Laird & Dog), Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson, Magda Clark (Community Safety Development Officer), Kevin Anderson (Head of Housing and Customer Services) David Logan (The Ship Inn)

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Rosie Kendall welcomed Forum members

#### 2. Election of a convenor

As laid out in Schedule 2 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, Forum Members are required to elect a Convener at their first meeting in each calendar year. As there were no nominations for a new convenor at the last meeting, it has been agreed to carry this forward to the second meeting of the year. Following the February meeting, Alasdair Gow had offered to take up the role and Forum members had agreed to this via e-mail. Jim Sherval formally nominated Alasdair Gow and Mark Richardson seconded this proposal

Alasdair Gow formally took the role of the chair from this point onwards.

## 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record by Alistair Mackintosh and Patrick Kenny.

#### **Action Plan:**

**Action:** Letter from the new Chair of the Forum to be sent to the Head of Schools asking about pupil entitlement to alcohol education across all sector. This letter will also include a suggestion regarding providing leaflets re sensible alcohol leaflets for parents following school education sessions.

Action: MELDAP yellow and pink posters/flyers to be sent to all licensed premises

**Action:** Consider targeting specific leaflets in problem areas. alcohol leaflets to be distributed to Council premises - libraries, leisure centres and receptions

**Action:** JT to send electronic copy of leaflets to RK so this can be placed online/used on partner social media pages

## 4. Licensing Board minutes

Minutes of previous Board meetings were not available in time for the Forum meeting. However there have been 2 recent cases of note:

Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015: A continued review hearing for Dalkeith Miners Club. The original hearing had been continued, following the presentation of evidence by Police Scotland, to await the outcome of a criminal case against some of the committee members. The Board were advised that whilst two members had been found not guilty a third had pled guilty to assault. The agent for the club explained that the member in question had been dismissed from the committee, had subsequently not renewed his membership and had not been back to the club since. Board decided to take no further action against the club.

Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015: A request for extended capacity from a licensed premise within the overprovided area. The Licensing Board policy states that Dalkeith is overprovided. There is a presumption of rebuttal for licenses and applications for additional capacity in Dalkeith unless the licensee can prove the requirement. The licensee's solicitor made the argument that the extension was necessary due to increased competition resulting from the new supermarket nearby which opened in the last year. Objections from the Police, Licensing Standards officer and NHS Public health were received. All objectors outlined that the applicant had proved the requirement. The Police raised concerns regarding unauthorised additional capacity and antisocial behaviour in the vicinity.

The Forum discussed this case and raised concerns that the Board are not adhering to their Policy. Reasons for granting the extension to capacity seemed to centre around economics which is not one of the Policy objectives

**Action:** RK to write to the board to request clarification of their approach to dismissing review hearings as unsubstantiated when a member of staff has been convicted of a criminal offence within the premises

**Action:** RK to write to the Board raising concerns regarding the overprovision policy and how this has been adhered to. Letter to be circulated with the forum minute

Action: NHS to request a 'statement of objections' which each objector is entitled to

## 5. Licensing update report

Jim, Mark and Rosie presented update reports. Jim Leslie highlighted a number of premises failing to apply for occasional licenses. Rosie raised concerns about youth alcohol consumption.

Action: JL to draft a letter to remind premises of their obligations regarding occasional licenses. Letter to be sent out to those premises who this is likely to apply to (JL to provide a list)

Action: Letter to sent to all Licensed On sale premises inviting them to participate in Best Bar None (FL)

Action: Police to consider visiting licensed premises to provide advice regarding proxy purchase – update to be provided at August meeting

Action: Licensing Forum to write to all licensed Off Sales to raise awareness of proxy purchase and provide list of things to look out for e.g. correct change, order list, buying specific drinks

Action: Police to consider pursuing bottle marking in specific areas

Action: Challenge 25 – Police to consider undertaking challenge 25 test purchases. Any licensed premises failing test purchase to be reported to Board

## 6. MELDAP three year delivery plan

John presented the MELDAP plan highlighting key issues. Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder is of particular concern. MWELDPA is keen to raise awareness of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. A particular issue being alcohol consumption in the very early stages of pregnancy. The Forum also discussed funding provided to service user groups and the importance of service user engagement and involvement in the planning of services.

**Action:** MYPAS to be invited to attend a Forum meeting to provide a presentation on their work.

**Action:** Consideration to be given to focussing on a different licensing objective at each Forum meeting.

## 7. Forum action plan

The Forum discussed their programme of work for the year ahead. Ideas included:

- participation in MIDFEST
- Publication of Board activity on the Forum webpage
- Undertaking an analysis of Board activity pre and post overprovision statement to assess if it is being utilised
- Encouraging the licensing board to adopt a festive licensing policy

Action: RK to produce a draft Forum action plan for discussion at the next meeting. Action: RK to pull together a summary of Board activity and speak to the licensing section about whether this can be publicised. This would include number of licensed premises in each area and a summary of board decisions.

Action: RK to speak to the licensing department regarding a festive licensing policy Action: All to consider engaging ways the Forum can contribute to MIDFEST (12<sup>th</sup> Sept) and the family fun day (13<sup>th</sup> Sept)

Action: RK to look into developing a Forum logo.

## Any other business

## Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill:

The Forum discussed the Bill and agreed to submit a response to the consultation. As part of the discussion the Forum agreed that some of the proposed measures do not seem to go far enough and that it seems disjointed that the Bill development is happening at the same time as the Air Weapons and Licensing Act developments.

Action: RK to submit the agreed response to the Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill on behalf of the Forum.

## **CAP's (Community Alcohol Partnerships)**

Gemma has been invited to attend the Edinburgh CAP meetings. *Action:* GS to provide an update on CAP's at the next meeting

# **Alcohol Focus Scotland presentation**

Action: Consideration to be given to inviting Alcohol Focus Scotland to attend a Forum meeting to provide a presentation on youth alcohol consumption.

# **Date of Next Meeting**

The Forum noted that the next scheduled Forum meeting was due to take place on **Friday 14**<sup>th</sup> **August at 10.00am** in Midlothian House, Committee Room, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith.

The meeting terminated at 12.00 noon

category	MTG	ACTION	LEAD	Due	STATUS	NOTE
Board Policy	<b>DATE</b> 15/05/15	RK to write to the board to request clarification of their approach to dismissing review hearings as unsubstantiated when a member of staff has been convicted of a criminal offence within the premises	RK/AG		In progress	9/6/15: letter has been sent. Circulated to Forum with minute. Will be placed on 15/9/15 Board meeting. AG has agreed to attend to present the letter.
	15/05/15	RK to write to the Board raising concerns regarding the overprovision policy and how this has been adhered to. Letter to be circulated with the forum minute	RK/AG		new	9/6/15: letter has been sent. Circulated to Forum with minute. Will be placed on 15/9/15 Board meeting. AG has agreed to attend to present the letter.
	15/05/15	NHS to request a 'statement of objections' which each objector is entitled to	JS		new	
	15/05/15	RK to pull together a summary of Board activity and speak to the licensing section about whether this can be publicised. This would include number of licensed premises in each area and a summary of board decisions.	RK		In progress	7/8/15: Rk has pulled this together. Discussion with legal re what can be published is required.
	15/05/15	RK to speak to the licensing department regarding a festive licensing policy	RK		In progress	7/8/15: RK has e-mailed Clerk to the Board regarding this.
Proxy/ underage purchase	15/05/15	Action: Police to consider visiting licensed premises to provide advice regarding proxy purchase – update to be provided at August meeting	JL/KS		new	28/7/15: Visits have been undertaken when incidents/intelligence has been received however a more pro- active operation will be undertaken in the near future when our civilian licensing officers are bedded in.
	15/05/15	Licensing Forum to write to all licensed Off Sales to raise awareness of proxy purchase and provide list of things to look out for e.g. correct change, order list, buying specific drinks	RK		new	28/7/15: Proxy purchase poster required. Discuss at 14/7/15 meeting.
	15/05/15	Police to consider pursuing bottle marking in specific areas	JL/KS		new	28/7/15: JL to discuss with Community Sergeants
	15/05/15	Challenge 25 – Police to consider undertaking challenge 25 test purchases. Any licensed premises failing test purchase to be reported to Board	JL/KS		new	28/7/15: JL to discuss with Community Sergeants
Publicity	15/05/15	Consider targeting specific leaflets in problem areas. alcohol leaflets to be distributed to Council premises - libraries, leisure centres and receptions	RK		new	
	15/05/15	JT to send electronic copy of leaflets to RK so this can be placed online/used on partner social media pages	RK		new	
	15/05/15	JL to draft a letter to remind premises of their obligations regarding occasional licenses. Letter to be sent out to those premises who this is likely to apply to (JL to provide a list)	JL		In progress	28/715: Draft letter sent to RK. List of premises now confirmed and letter will be sent out w/b 10/8/15
	15/05/15	All to consider engaging ways the Forum can contribute to MIDFEST (12th Sept) and the family fun day (13th Sept)	All		new	
Youth work	15/05/15	MYPAS to be invited to attend a Forum meeting to provide a presentation on their work.	JT		new	

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category	MTG DATE	ACTION	LEAD	Due	STATUS	NOTE
	15/05/15	Action: Consideration to be given to inviting Alcohol Focus Scotland to attend a Forum meeting to provide a presentation on youth alcohol consumption.	JT/AG		new	
Strategic/ admin	13/02/15	RK to arrange the annual joint meeting of the Board and Forum.	RK	in 2015	In progress	7/8/15: scheduled for 10.30am on 13th October 2015. Joint meeting to include: Overprovision training session Alcohol focus Scotland to attend the joint Forum and Board meeting to provide a presentation on the Midlothian findings arising from the CRESH research on the relationship between alcohol-related illnesses and deaths across Scotland and local availability of alcohol outlets
	15/05/15	Consideration to be given to focussing on a different licensing objective at each Forum meeting.	All		new	
	15/05/15	RK to produce a draft Forum action plan for discussion at the next meeting.	RK		In progress	7/8/15:Draft action plan placed on Augfust forum agenda
	15/05/15	RK to look into developing a Forum logo.	RK		In progress	7/8/15: RK has spoken to the Council Communications department and this will have to be developed externally. RK progressing
		Recently	complet	ted acti	ons	
Publicity	15/05/15	Letter to sent to all Licensed On sale premises inviting them to participate in Best Bar None (FL)	FL		Complete d	7/8/15: Letter has been sent and webpage created. Follow up visits to premises in overprovided area planned
	15/05/15	MELDAP yellow and pink posters/flyers to be sent to all licensed premises	RK		Complete d	7/8/15: Sent with BBN invitation letter
Youth work	15/05/15	Letter from the new Chair of the Forum to be sent to the Head of Schools asking about pupil entitlement to alcohol education across all sectors. This letter will also include a suggestion regarding providing leaflets re sensible alcohol leaflets for parents following school education sessions. Letter to also include a request for suggestions for youth representation on the Forum	JT/ RK/ AG		Complete d	7/8/15: letter has been sent. Response on 14/8/15 agenda
Strategic/ admin	15/05/15	RK to submit the agreed response to the Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill on behalf of the Forum.	RK		Complete d	7/8/15: Submitted frollowing May Forum meeting
	15/05/15	GS to provide an update on CAP's at the next meeting	GS		Complete d	7/8/15: CAP presentation on August agenda.

## **Midlothian Licensing Forum**

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## **Community Safety Partnership and Licensing update**

**Period 15<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015** 

## 1. Summary of alcohol related crime and disorder

## Information from the monthly Community Safety Delivery Group

Month	Alcohol Fuelled crime	Violent Crime
April	There are currently no problematic or monitored licensed premises in Midlothian.  Of the 522 group 1-6 crimes recorded in Midlothian 58 were tagged with an alcohol or drugs aggravator (11.1%). Common assaults and breach of the peace / S38 account for most crimes.	
May	There are currently no problematic or monitored licensed premises in Midlothian. The Community Policing Team carried out 6 visits to licensed premises during May (both on and off sales). Of the 544 group 1-6 crimes recorded in Midlothian 58 were tagged with an alcohol or drugs aggravator (10.7%). Minor assaults and breach of the peace / S38 account for most crimes.	1 serious assault 1 male found with a knife following an alcohol fuelled disturbance
June	No update as group did not meet in July	
July	There is currently one monitored licensed premise in Midlothian.  Of the 530 group 1-6 crimes recorded in Midlothian during July, <b>57</b> were tagged with alcohol (10.8%). YTD 9.8% of all group 1-6 crime is tagged with an alcohol aggravator. Minor assaults and breach of the peace / S38 account for most crime (92 and 57 crimes respectively), <b>the</b> overwhelming majority of which were recorded in the Dalkeith Ward (linked to the number of licensed premises and take-away outlets).	

## Information from the Weekly TAC

Youth alcohol consumption mentioned at every weekly TAC meeting during the reporting period. Hotspots included:

#### May:

- Bogwood court youths asking adults to purchase alcohol for them
- Consuming alcohol at the Newbattle golf course and Waterfall walk

#### June:

- Consuming alcohol at the Newbattle golf course
- John Clerk estate Penicuik

#### July:

• Woodburn Park youths consuming alcohol

- Loanhead adult buying alcohol for youths
- John Clerk estate Penicuik
- Suttislea woods youths under influence of alcohol

#### **Information from Streetwork reports**

To be added for future Forum meetings

## 2. Licensing Board activity

There are currently no problem/ monitored premises in Midlothian

# Licensing Board – activity update since 15th May 2015

Since the last meeting the Licensing Board has met once. At that meeting the board granted 2 variations to premises licenses in the overprovided area. One allowing outdoor drinking (at the County) and one extending closing time on a Saturday by an hour (Dalkeith miners). A transfer of license was granted for the Justinlees.

### **Police Licensing Update**

There were no objections to any of the above applications due to (1) The County being a well established local hotel. Representation was made re it being in the overprovision area and conditions re the area being having a barrier up to show the designated licensed area and a 10pm terminal hour for outside drinking. (2) Dalkeith Miners were applying for the hour they previously had prior to the review as they are operating appropriately there was no issues and additional hours are not considered to be part of over provision. (3) Justinless transfer was from one part of the company who own the licence to another part of the company.

Proxy purchase visits – Visits have been undertaken when incidents/intelligence has been received however a more pro- active operation will be undertaken in the near future when our civilian licensing officers are bedded in.

Bottle marking – no update at present

#### **Environmental Health Licensing update**

Since the last Meeting of the Forum the Licensing Board has met to conduct business on one occasion. The meeting considered applications for variations to extend the alcohol sales area in two premises. Although both premises were located in an area designated as overprovided the applications were granted.

The Licensing Standards Officer has made observations and requested conditions in respect of 100% of the Occasional Licence, Extended Hours and Variation applications lodged; the breakdown of which are provided in Table 1 below. Typically observations and requested conditions including matters relating to the control of noise and irresponsible promotions.

Licence Application type	Number
Occasional	28*

Extended Hours	4*
Premises	0*
Personal	0*
Variations	2*

<sup>\*</sup>Please note these are draft stats yet to be confirmed

Table 1: Numbers of Licence Application by Type received between 15 May and 28 July 2015.

## Refresher Training

Upon the introduction of the Licensing (Scotland) Act a significant number of the Council's Environmental Health Officers and two technical staff received relevant training and are holders of the Scottish Certificate for Licensing Standards Officers. Additionally one officer has obtained the paralegal licensing qualification.

However for reasons of consistency the vast majority of the work required to fulfil the obligations of the Act has traditionally been undertaken by a dedicated LSO and limited number of officers. For various reasons, including the dedicated LSO leaving the office resulted in a decision to provide refresher to these officers. This refresher training was undertaken in-house. It is intended that regular in house training will continue to maintain competencies.

It is intended that in line with the recommendations of the Christie report these officers will, as time and priorities allow, incorporate monitoring licensing standards inspections into visits made to premises for other purposes e.g. noise complaints and food hygiene inspections; thereby maximising resources and undertaking integrated inspections to deliver results.

Additionally at the request of the Clerk to the Licensing Board, the Licensing Supervisor and her support assistant have accompanied the LSO on field visits to experience the practical side of licensing.

#### **Complaints about Licensed Premises**

- Information received from a number of sources regarding events open to the general public taking place at a Club without the benefit of an Occasional Licence were investigated by the LSO and Police Scotland and subsequently followed up by Police Scotland colleagues with the result that an office bearer of the club concerned was replaced and undertakings were given in respect of future events. The Police Licensing Officer may be in a position to enlarge on this matter.
- Complaints of recurring noise disturbance from music emanating from four licensed premises have been received by Environmental Health. Management at all premises have agreed to work with the Council EHOs to remedy matters. Engagement will continue until satisfactory outcomes can be attained and maintained.
- Information has been received about a number of incidents of repeat street noise and disturbances immediately outside a public house open until 0100hrs. The complainant was alleging the breach of a number of licence conditions and calling for a review of the Premises Licence

As a result a meeting took place between the Principal EHO, the LSO, the Police Licensing Officer, the Community Sergeant and the Premises Manager, her partner and Area Managers from the brewery as the Premises Licence Holders.

Following an examination and discussion of the allegations, together with information received from Council officers undertaking Antisocial Noise work late at night, a number of undertakings were received which, if honoured, will materially improve the situation for neighbours of the licensed premises. The situation will be kept under review and thus far the complainant is content with the outcome.

#### **Best Bar None**

Invites have been sent out to all licensed premises in Midlothian inviting them to be involved in this year's Best Bar None (deadline of end of August). This year the scheme will also be open to hotels and clubs. Last year four licensed premises participated.

A Best Bar None web page has been set up: <a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/best-bar-none">http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/best-bar-none</a>

PC Frances Little will be visiting eligible licensed premises in the Overprovided area to provide further information about the award.

## 3. Air Weapons and Licensing Bill

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 25 June 2015. The final vote on the Bill was 92 votes For the Bill, 17 votes Against the Bill, and 0 Abstaisions.

The Bill must now receive Royal Assent from HM The Queen to become law. This should happen within six to eight weeks of the Bill being passed. As soon as the Bill has received Royal Assent, the Office of the Queen's Printer for Scotland will produce the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015. This will be made available on the <a href="Legislation.gov.uk">Legislation.gov.uk</a> website (in the section on Acts of the Scottish Parliament).

4. Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 consideration by the Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee

Response submitted by Rosie Kendall on behalf of the Licensing Forum following May meeting.

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## **Education, Communities & Economy**

Midlothian

Director Dr Mary Smith

item 5

17 June 2015

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Dear Rosie

# Alcohol and Drug Education in Midlothian Schools

Further to your letter dated 9 June regarding Alcohol and Drugs Education in Midlothian Schools please find below the answers to the questions raised:

• Is there an expectation within Midlothian Education services that all pupils should receive substance misuse education on a planned basis?

There is an expectation that all pupils have planned learning experiences based on the Health and Wellbeing experiences and outcomes within Curriculum for Excellence. There are experiences and outcomes for Substance Misuse from Early to Fourth Level. More detail can be found by following this link:

 $\frac{http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningandteaching/curriculumareas/healthandwellbeing/eandos/index.asp}{}$ 

At what stages do children and young people receive such education?

As there are experiences and outcomes from Early to Fourth Level, this would happen from Nursery to S4.

• Is there a single recommended substance misuse programme or are schools left to decide how to best deliver the substance misuse outcomes from A Curriculum for Excellence?

We would not recommend a specific resource as each school would decide this dependant on the needs of specific cohorts. Resources are constantly changing and being updated, and new resources, whether online or in paper form are always being produced.

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- If it is left to individual schools to decide how does the authority ensure that programmes are based on the following characteristics:
  - increase knowledge of the potential damage alcohol use can cause physically, mentally and socially (including the legal consequences)
  - provide the opportunity to explore attitudes to and perceptions of alcohol use
  - help develop decision-making, assertiveness, coping and verbal/non-verbal skills
  - help develop self-esteem
  - increase awareness of how the media, advertisements, role models and the views of parents, peers and society can influence alcohol consumption.

It is the responsibility of Head Teachers/ Depute Head Teachers in Primary Schools and Heads of Department in secondary schools to ensure that teachers plan a broad and balanced programme based on the experiences and outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence.

How are parents involved in these programmes?

Many of our schools invite parents and carers in to discuss the content of aspects of their Health and Wellbeing programmes. Many also give out termly newsletters informing parents and carers about topics covered so that they can discuss these at home too.

 Alcohol Focus Scotland has developed educational resources for pre-school settings and the early years. How many Midlothian schools use these materials?

Our Early Years Team are not aware of this resource currently being used in nurseries but are going to raise awareness of it at this week's Nursery Education Group meeting at which Head Teachers of nurseries will be in attendance.

I hope the above answers your questions. A response to your request on leaflet distribution and the vacancy for youth representation on the Forum will follow at a later date.

Yours sincerely

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# Midlothian Licensing Forum 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Item 7

## Midlothian Licensing Forum action plan 2015/16

#### Remit:

The Forum will identify key issues affecting licensing in Midlothian and will develop and deliver constructive advice and recommendations on how to address these.

The Forum will establish an identity that is clearly separate from the Licensing Board. The Forum will strive to build trust with license holders and the Licensing Board by giving impartial and effective advice and practical recommendations to the Board.

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 lists the licensing objectives as;

- 1. Preventing crime and disorder
- 2. Securing public safety
- 3. Preventing public nuisance
- 4. Protecting and improving public health
- 5. Protecting children from harm

The Licensing Board is required to promote these objectives through their policies and decisions. The Forum will be consulted by the Licensing Board when it formulates or reviews Licensing Board Policy statements.

# **Action Plan:**

Priority	In place	Planned actions
Ensure the Licensing Board delivers the licensing objectives	<ul> <li>Attendance at Board meetings</li> <li>All Board minutes reviewed by Forum</li> <li>Annual Joint meeting</li> <li>Letters submitted regarding specific issues</li> </ul>	
Promote responsible alcohol consumption – adults	Overprovision statement agreed	<ul> <li>Involvement in MIDFEST family fun day</li> <li>Leaflets for licensed premises</li> </ul>
Deter youth alcohol consumption		<ul> <li>Promote proxy purchase initiatives</li> <li>Encourage challenge 25</li> <li>Encourage bottle marking</li> <li>Provide retailers with information about proxy purchase</li> <li>Involvement in MIDFEST family fun day</li> <li>Involvement in school alcohol education?</li> </ul>
Reduce alcohol related crime and disorder	Hate crime leaflets sent to licensed premises	Consider proposing that the licensing board adopts a festive licensing policy
Develop the Forum	<ul> <li>Recruitment campaign</li> <li>New Remit agreed</li> <li>New chair</li> <li>Webpage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Youth recruitment</li> <li>Involvement in MIDFEST family fun day</li> <li>Review inactive members</li> <li>Further improvements to web page</li> <li>Development of logo</li> </ul>
Ensure the licensing objectives are achieved	•	Respond to national consultations