Review of City of Glasgow Licensing Board's work during 2023 – Presentation noted etc.

4 The Forum and Board heard a presentation by Gillian McNaught, Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board, regarding a review of the work of the Licensing Board during 2023, advising of

(1) various statistical information in relation to the processing of applications by the Board during 2023, in particular, highlighting that

  (a) 48 new licence applications had been granted (7 new premises licences and 41 new provisional licences) and 2 applications had been refused (1 new premises licence/1 new provisional licence); and

  (b) 103 applications for approval of major variations had been granted (15 on sales, 18 off sales and 70 on and off sales);

(2) various statistical information in relation to the number of current licences in force in the city, in particular, highlighting that there were currently 1,977 premises licences (564 on sales, 600 off sales and 813 on and off sales) and 4,149 personal licences;

(3) an analysis of the number of premises licences in force by type from 2020 to 2023; and

(4) a summary of the work undertaken by the Board in relation to the review of its Policy Statement, in particular, highlighting the

  (a) pre-consultation process undertaken from 31st October to 9th December 2022;

  (b) evidence sessions held on 31st January and 2nd February 2023;

  (c) responses referred to the Board by the Forum in March and May 2023 in relation to licensed hours and overprovision;

  (d) focus group event held on 21st April 2023;

  (e) evaluation of all evidence gathered by the Board at a meeting on 19th May 2023 and of the main changes within the draft Policy Statement;

  (f) public consultation process undertaken on the draft Policy Statement from 19th July to 27th September 2023, including community engagement events; and

  (g) outcome of the public consultation process and the publication of the new Policy Statement in November 2023.

After consideration, the Forum and Board noted

(i) the presentation;

(ii) various positive comments by members on the work undertaken by the Clerk to the Licensing Board and officers of the Licensing Section in relation to the review, including the contributions made by all partners agencies; and

(iii) that the Clerk to the Forum would arrange for the presentation slides to be emailed to all members after the meeting.