Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Update on licensing standards issues noted etc.

5 There was submitted a report by the Council's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on licensing standards issues in respect of the period from January to June 2024, advising

(1) that Licensing Standards, as statutory nominees, had provided comment on various applications, as detailed in the report, which included applications for

(a) new and provisional premises licences;

(b) major variation;

(c) occasional licences; and

(d) extended hours;

(2) that significant resource demands for the period related primarily to work associated with applications for new premises licences and major variation, the assessment and reporting on applications in relation to the Licensing Board's Pilot Scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre and also work related to the delivery of major events in the city;

(3) of the above average number of applications processed for occasional licences and extended hours due to the variety of small to medium scale events that had taken place and the continuation of the 6-month outdoor licensed area process;

(4) that Licensing Standards had dealt with 127 complaints and 260 enquiries, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of interest and stakeholder group activity undertaken by officers, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the report; and

(ii) that with regard to clarification being sought if there had been any increase in the number of complaints in relation to noise/anti-social behaviour as a result of the Licensing Board's 1am pilot scheme, it was highlighted that at this stage it was too early to determine.