Item 2

10th September 2024

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 14th May 2024.

Local Licensing Forum.

Present: Donald MacLeod, Concert Promoters' Association (Chair); Gary Atkinson, Community Resident – North West Area; Daniel Carter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council; Brian Fulton, Night Time Industry Association; Billy Gold, Scottish Licensed Trade Association; Inspector Gareth Griffiths, Police Scotland; Charlie Ingham, Glasgow Life (Substitute for Julie Pearson); Archie MacIver, Accredited Liquor Licensing Law Specialist; Jamie Mackie, Scottish Grocers' Federation (Substitute for Pete Cheema); Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Matthew Reilly, Glasgow Pubwatch Groups; Gail Sheridan, Community Resident – South Area; Elaina Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (Substitute for Fiona Moss); and Paul Stewart, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council.

Apologies: Pete Cheema, Scottish Grocers' Federation; Eva Curran, National Union of Students; John Ferguson, Community Resident – North East Area; Chris McGuinness, Greater Glasgow Hotels' Association; Fiona Moss, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Julie Pearson, Glasgow Life.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); I Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum; and G McNaught, Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board.

Death of Eddie Tobin.

1 The Forum noted remarks by the Chair in relation to the recent death of Eddie Tobin, its former Convener.

Membership update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 13th February 2024 noting that Glasgow City Council (GCC), at its meeting on 15th February 2024, would consider the appointment of Archie MacIver as a member of the Forum as an Accredited Liquor Licensing Law Specialist, there was heard and noted a verbal update by the Clerk to the Forum confirming that GGC had approved the said appointment.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

3 The minutes of the previous meeting of 13th February 2024 were submitted and approved.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Adult Health and Wellbeing Survey 2022/23 – Presentation noted etc.

4 There was heard a presentation by Elaina Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, providing information regarding NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's 2022/23 Adult Health and Wellbeing Survey, advising

(1) of various background information in relation to the survey, which provided valuable information on the self-perceived health and wellbeing of residents, their health behaviours, social health, social capital and financial wellbeing;

(2) that the survey was considered a flexible tool for monitoring the health and wellbeing of the population and had been conducted every 3 years since 1999 and was the 8th in the series of such studies;

(3) of the methodology used, sample size, reporting format and of the survey content;

(4) that the survey included a core set of questions, with new questions introduced to reflect local priorities and changing national targets; and

(5) of the initial findings of the research survey for Glasgow City.

After consideration and having heard further from Elaina Smith in response to a number of members' questions, the Forum noted

(a) the contents of the presentation;

(b) that the next steps would include the preparation of thematic briefing papers in relation to various subject matters and that design and analysis would be undertaken and local strategic plans and priorities developed; and

(c) that the Clerk to the Forum would arrange for the presentation slides to be circulated to members for information following this meeting.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – Pilot Scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre – Update noted etc.

5 There was heard a verbal update by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board regarding the Board's pilot scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre, advising that

(1) 55 applications for major variation in relation to the scheme would be considered at a meeting of the Licensing Board on 17th May 2024, with each application considered on its own merits;

(2) representations had been received from Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership in relation to 54 of the applications and that 5 applications had received objections from members of the public; and

(3) in considering the applications, the Board would also have regard to reports from Licensing Standards and agent submissions, together with the said representations/objections.

After consideration, the Forum

(a) noted

(i) the update;

(ii) that if any of the applications for major variation were granted, these would be granted with immediate effect; and

(iii) the following comments by members:-

(A) concern was expressed regarding the introduction of the scheme given the availability of public transport in the later evening in the city centre and the difficulties individuals had getting home; and

(B) the potential impact of the scheme was highlighted in relation to nightclubs in the city centre and it was pointed out that alcohol sales between 3 am and 4 am in nightclubs were low and that there was a general concern that individuals attending premises open to 1 am in the city centre would now decide to go home rather than attend nightclubs; and

(b) agreed that the Clerk to the Board would provide a further update regarding the matter at the next meeting.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – 2023/24 annual functions report noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board on the annual functions of the Licensing Board over 2023/24, in terms of section 9A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, advising of

(1) various statements of how the Licensing Board had regard to both the licensing objectives and its Licensing Policy Statement, as detailed in the report;

(2) a summary of decisions made by (or on behalf of) the Licensing Board during 2023/24;

(3) information on the number of licences in force as at 31st March 2024; and

(4) information on the Board's membership and the administrative arrangements for Board meetings.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – 2023/24 performance monitoring report noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board detailing the performance of the Licensing Board in the administration of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 over the last 6 months of 2023/24, advising

(1) of the key indicators used to measure performance in administering the Act;

(2) of performance in respect of the period from October 2023 to March 2024 in comparison with the targets set; and

(3) that overall the Board had achieved 82% of its performance targets in respect of this period.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(a) the contents of the report; and

(b) that with regard to the meeting 5th December 2023 when it had been advised by the Clerk to the Board that future consideration would be given as to how performance data in relation to the processing of applications for occasional licences could be reported more accurately to reflect that the vast majority of such applications were processed on time for each function/event, this matter would now be considered as part of the development of a new IT system for the Council's Licensing Section.

Date of next meeting noted etc.

8 The Forum noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 10th September 2024 at 1400 hours and that all items of business should be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Tuesday, 20th August 2024.