

Review of City of Glasgow Licensing Board's work during 2025 – 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 2025, advising of

- (1) various statistical information in relation to the processing of applications by the Board during 2025, in particular, highlighting that
 - (a) 44 new licence applications had been granted, including 11 new premises licences (1 on sales, 4 off sales and 6 on & off sales) and 33 new provisional licences (2 on sales, 17 off sales and 14 on & off sales); and
 - (b) 65 applications for approval of major variations had been granted (14 on sales, 16 off sales and 35 on & 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 1,925 premises licences (594 on sales, 597 off sales and 734 on & off sales) and 4,663 personal licences;
- (3) an analysis of the number of premises licences in force by type from 2021 to 2025; and
- (4) a summary of the work undertaken by the Board regarding the pilot scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre, and that the Board had reviewed the impact of the scheme throughout the initial 12-month period and extended the 1am terminal hour for on sales premises in the city centre with existing conditions revised to remove reference to the 12-month period and compliance with 1am criteria.

After consideration, the Forum and Board;

- (i) noted
 - (A) the presentation;
 - (B) that the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board would be meeting with representatives from the Scottish Government later this week to discuss all aspects of the impact of the late kick-off times scheduled for Scotland's football games in the World Cup 2026; and
 - (C) that a stakeholders meeting may be scheduled depending on the information communicated at this meeting; and
- (ii) conveyed their concerns about the impact late kick-off times scheduled for Scotland's football games would have on

- (A) the potential increase in alcohol harms if late licences were given to public houses; and
- (B) potential issues of individuals being unable to get transport home at such late hours.