

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

8 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 July to December 2025, 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 delivery of major events, Minimum Unit Pricing and Festive policy hours monitoring whereby a significant number of premises visits were carried out to ensure compliance;
- (3) of the steady 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 115 complaints and 250 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;
- (ii) the comments made in relation to some premises where the seller of alcohol's Personal Licence had lapsed and took note of the importance of promoting refresher training to all staff and setting reminders of when such licences required renewal; and
- (iii) the upcoming World Cup football games and conveyed their concerns regarding extended opening hours and public safety, and that further clarity was needed to inform further discussions around these matters.