***Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Response by Sub-group to certain parts of the City of Glasgow Licensing Board's Licensing Policy Statement as part of pre-consultation exercise dealt with – Reference to City of Glasgow Licensing Board – Declaration of interest.***

**7** With reference to the minutes of 6th September 2022 when the Forum had agreed the establishment, membership and Terms of Reference of a Sub-group to prepare a draft response to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board's "Policy on Licensed Hours" and "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision" as part of the pre-consultation exercise towards the development of the fifth edition of the Board's Licensing Policy Statement, there was submitted a report by the Sub-group regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the Sub-group had met on 5 occasions between October 2022 and February 2023;

(2) that in terms of the information that required to be gathered to inform the draft response, it was clear from the outset that the position had to be evidence based and that the Board's pre-consultation questionnaire entitled "Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Informing Development of the New Licensing Policy Statement" had acted as a guide;

(3) of the evidence used to inform the Sub-group's draft response, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the Sub-group was made up of a diverse group of members who represented a range of vastly different perspectives of stakeholders working within and affected by the licensing community and beyond and that the response aimed to strike a balance and reach a position which best reflected the views of all members of the Forum; and

(5) of the Sub-group's draft response to the Board's "Policy on Licensed Hours" and "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision", as detailed in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the report.

After consideration, the Forum

(a) approved the terms of the draft response by the Sub-group to the Board's "Policy on Licensed Hours" and referred it to the Board as its response to the pre-consultation exercise in relation to this matter;

(b) continued consideration of the terms of the draft response by the Sub-group to the Board's "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision" to the next meeting to allow the Sub-Group additional time to continue its assessment of health and crime data; and

(c) noted remarks by the Convener thanking Iain Miller for facilitating the work of the Sub-group and for the preparation of the report.

In terms of paragraph 8 of the Forum’s Code of Conduct and Standing Order No 27 of the Council and Committee Standing Orders, Bailie Margaret Morgan declared an interest in this item and left the room during its consideration.