Item 5

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Glasgow City Council

Local Licensing Forum

Report by Executive Director Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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Licensing Standards Report

Purpose of Report:

To provide an update for the period January – June 2023 for the Licensing Forum on ongoing Licensing Standards issues.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Forum note:

- the work being undertaken by Licensing Standards Officers continues to focus on supporting licensed premises where legislation, policy, and resources permit; and
- the work of Licensing Standards Officers is enhanced by participating in multi-agency initiatives.

Ward No(s):	Citywide: ✓
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐	consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1.0 Applications

1.1 During the months January to June 2023 Licensing Standards, as statutory nominees, provided comments on the following licensing applications:

- New and Provisional Premises Licence Applications - 35
- Major Variation Applications - 39
- Occasional Licence applications - 830
- Extended Hours applications - 125

1.2 New and Variation applications and the significant resource demands linked to the delivery of major events within the city were the focus for this period. The number of Occasional Licence applications processed also continued to increase due to the variety of small to medium scale events taking place and the continuation of the 6-month Outdoor Licensed Area process.

2.0 Enquiries and Complaints

- Enquiries - 210
- Complaints - 111

2.1 The complaints received related mainly to Outdoor drinking, noise, and anti-social behaviour. The majority were addressed and resolved with no requirement for formal action, with the remainder requiring either mediation between all parties or formal action. In all cases, Licensing Standards either liaised with or worked in conjunction with Police Scotland, other partner agencies and Council services.

2.2 Enquiries received related mainly to application or legislative processes/procedures, Licensing Board policy including additional hours entitlements or services provided by other Council divisions linked to the Licensing process. Enquiries were received from licence holders, the general public and licensing agents.

3.0 Interest Group Activity

3.1 With the number of events/concerts taking place within the City significant, resources were focused on guidance, monitoring and enforcement including the dissemination of event details to residents, interested parties and licence holders. In addition, engagement work with licence holders on a range of best practice issues continued including work on resolving neighbourhood disputes and the resurrection of Pub Watch and Off Sale watch groups currently dormant. It is hoped activity in this regard will continue to increase with all the resultant benefits it brings.

4.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	All costs for Licensing Standards derive from funding via CEO Licensing
Legal:	All activities are in compliance with the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010 as well as other appropriate legislation.
Personnel:	Four Licensing Standards Officer posts are held within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Environmental Health). Other Environmental Health staff are available to assist with work as requested.
Procurement:	None

Council Strategic Plan: None

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25	N/A
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	No significant impact
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage	N/A

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	N/A
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of	N/A

this proposal?	
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	N/A

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report	No
If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out	N/A

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