Item 1

5th September 2023

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 9th May 2023.

Local Licensing Forum.

Present: Donald MacLeod, Concert Promoters' Association (Chair); Gary Atkinson, Community Resident – North West Area; Dr Daniel Carter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; John Ferguson, Community Resident – North East Area; Audrey Ferrie, Licensing lawyer representative (Substitute for Jack Cummins); Janice Fisher, Greater Glasgow Hotels' Association (Substitute for Chris McGuinness); 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; Brian McMahon, Glasgow Pub Watch Groups (Substitute for Matthew Reilly); Gail Sheridan, Community Resident – South Area; and Elaina Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (Substitute for Fiona Moss).

Apologies: Jack Cummins, Licensing lawyer representative; Chris McGuiness, Greater Glasgow Hotels' Association; Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Fiona Moss, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Julie Pearson, Glasgow Life; Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Matthew Reilly, Glasgow Pub Watch Groups; Paul Stewart, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council; and Luke Tracey, Glasgow Restauranteurs' Association.

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

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 14th March 2023 were submitted and approved.

Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2023 Cycling World Championships - Presentation noted etc.

2 The Forum heard a joint presentation by Gillian Burke and Lorna Graham, Glasgow Life, providing a general overview of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2023 Cycling World Championships to be held from 3rd to 13th August 2023, advising of

(1) various information in relation to the delivery of the event to be hosted by Glasgow, which comprised of 13 cycling world championships with 8 to be held in Glasgow and 5 to be held at other locations throughout Scotland;

(2) those championships to be held at Glasgow venues and of the anticipated impact for the city, which would

(a) sustain the sport, physical activity and cultural legacy from the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games;

(b) promote the city as a welcoming and vibrant destination through the visitor experience;

(c) further showcase Glasgow as a leading global events city;

(d) maximise the positive economic and social impact of events for Glasgow, building skills and capacity;

(e) inspire Glasgow citizens to lead more active, healthier lives; and

(f) build on existing relationships with local authority partners and other agencies;

(3) the 'GO LIVE!' initiative, which would follow on from the success of the initiative at the 2018 European Football Championships and allow the city to build on the platform dedicated to celebrating and promoting healthy and active lifestyles and provide citizens with a must visit experience in the heart of their communities;

(4) Glasgow House, which was based on the legacy of the Glasgow Business Embassy in Scotland held during the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and would be a business hub to allow Glasgow and Scottish businesses, city stakeholders and community groups to take centre stage and promote the city to international guests; and

(5) a cultural, community and sports programme that would run alongside the championships and of an update on the work of the 'Get Ready Glasgow' initiative.

After consideration and having heard further from Gillian Burke and Lorna Graham in response to a number of members' questions, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the presentation;

(ii) the following comments and responses:-

(A) it was suggested that engagement should be undertaken with local businesses as soon as possible in relation to proposed road closures;

(B) in response to a number of general concerns expressed regarding public transport provision in the city in relation to the event , it was highlighted that transport matters would be considered by a Strategic Transport Group and that planning was ongoing;

(C) it was also suggested that adequate provision should be available at venues for cyclists attending the various championships to park their bicycles; and

(D) at its meeting on 12th May 2023, the City of Glasgow Licensing Board would discuss a report inviting members to consider whether to grant a general extension of licensed hours for the event, in terms of section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act; and

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

Alcohol-specific deaths in Glasgow City - Presentation noted etc.

3 The Forum heard a presentation by Dr Daniel Carter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, providing information on alcohol-specific deaths in Glasgow City, advising of

(1) what was considered to be an alcohol-specific death;

(2) various graphical information on alcohol-specific deaths over the period from 2017-19 to 2019-21;

(3) information on the numbers of deaths in relation to the following categories:-

(a) Was not above the Scottish average and still isn't (Falling, Variable/Stable and Rising);

(b) Was above the Scottish average but now isn't (Falling, Variable/Stable and Rising);

(c) Was not above the Scottish average but now is (Falling, Variable/Stable and Rising); and

(d) Was above the Scottish Average and still is (Falling, Variable/Stable and Rising); and

(4) the following observations in relation to the information:-

(a) Alcohol caused death;

(b) Alcohol specific deaths were falling in Glasgow City and had been at a faster rate than in Scotland, however,

(i) the rate remained higher than in Scotland;

(ii) progress was slowing; and

(iii) there were many areas where the rate was increasing;

(c) A large proportion of the population of Glasgow lived in areas where the rate was above the Scottish average and was continuing to rise or was failing to fall; and

(d) Broadly speaking, progress was inversely related to deprivation and that there was an uncertain link between the Licensing Board's overprovision policy and progress.

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

(A) the contents of the presentation;

(B) the following comments and responses:-

(I) although the information gave a reason to be optimistic, progress was now slowing;

(II) there had been no impact on the data from increased alcohol consumption during the COVID-19 pandemic but that could be a factor in the future;

(III) there was a need to analyse the data further in relation to changing demographics of particular areas within the city and also to analyse hospital admissions data; and

(IV) that data on alcohol-specific deaths was recorded on the basis of an individual's home postcode; and

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

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – City of Glasgow Licensing Board's Licensing Policy Statement Pre-consultation exercise - Response by Sub-group to "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision" approved etc - Reference to City of Glasgow Licensing Board.

4 With reference to the minutes of

(1) 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; and

(2) 14th March 2023 when the Forum had approved the terms of a draft response by the Sub-group to the Board's "Policy on Licensed Hours" and continued consideration of a draft response to the Board's "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision" to this meeting to allow the Sub-Group additional time to continue its assessment of health and crime data,

there was submitted a report by the Sub-group regarding the matter, advising of the

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

(b) Sub-group's draft response to the Board's "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision", as detailed in sections 4 and 5 of the report.

After consideration, the Forum

(i) approved the terms of the draft response by the Sub-group to the Board's "Overprovision Assessment and general approach to the consideration of Overprovision" and referred it to the Board as its response to the pre-consultation exercise in relation to this matter; and

(ii) noted that the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership would be undertaking work in relation to the collation of appropriate health and crime data and also in relation to data provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service and that this could be available for any mid-term review of overprovision areas undertaken by the Licensing Board.

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – City of Glasgow Licensing Board's 2021/22 annual financial report – Update on request for additional information on reasons for difference in net expenditure in 2021/22 in comparison with 2019/20 noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 29th November 2022 when, having considered a report regarding the publication of the Licensing Board's 2021/2022 annual financial report, the Forum had noted the terms of the said report and requested the Clerk to the Licensing Board, in consultation with Financial Services, Glasgow City Council (GCC), to provide further information on the reasons for the difference in net expenditure in 2021/22 in comparison with 2019/20, the Forum heard and noted a verbal update by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising that the reason for the difference in net expenditure was in relation to the 1/3 reduction in licensing fees during this period as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – 2022/23 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 2022/23, 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;

(2) a summary of decisions made by (or on behalf of) the Licensing Board during 2022/23; and

(3) information on the number of licences in force as at 31st March 2023 and in relation to the administration of the Board and its membership.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – 2022/23 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 2022/23, advising

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

(2) of performance in respect of the period from October 2022 to March 2023 in comparison with the targets set; and

(3) that overall the Board had achieved 84% of its performance targets in respect of this period.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(a) the contents of the report;

(b) that with regard to the processing of applications for premises licences, delays could be related to further information that was awaited from the applicant or his/her agent; and

(c) that the Clerk to the Licensing Board would arrange for e-mail correspondence to be circulated to all members providing an update on work being undertaken by the Scottish Government in relation to bringing forward regulations which would put in place “occasional licence limits” in terms of the number of occasional licences, or the number of days on which occasional licences had effect, in relation to the same applicant or premises in any 12 month period.

Date of next meeting noted etc.

8 The Forum noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 5th September 2023 at 1400 hours and that all items of business should be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Tuesday, 18th August 2023.