Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Publication of City of Glasgow Licensing Board's 2021/22 annual financial report noted etc – Request to Clerk to City of Glasgow Licensing Board.

3 There was submitted a report by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board regarding the publication of the Licensing Board's 2021/2022 annual financial report, in terms of section 9B of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, advising

(1) that annual financial reports must include:-

(a) a statement of the amount of relevant income received by the Licensing Board during the financial year;

(b) a statement of the amount of relevant expenditure incurred in respect of the Board's area during the year; and

(c) an explanation of how the amounts in the statement were calculated;

(2) of a definition of "relevant income" and "relevant expenditure", as detailed in the report;

(3) that Glasgow City Council (GCC) was under a statutory obligation to provide the Licensing Board with such information as it reasonably required for the purposes of preparing the annual financial report; and

(4) of the terms of Licensing Board's 2021/2022 annual financial report, including appropriate comparative information for 2019/20 and 2020/21, this being attached as an appendix to the report.

After consideration and having heard further from Sharon Daley, Financial Services, GCC, on the information detailed within the 2021/22 annual financial report and in response to members' questions, the Forum

(i) noted

(A) the contents of the report, including the terms of the Licensing Board's 2020/21 annual financial report; and

(B) that the reason for the difference in net expenditure of £419,241 in 2021/22 in comparison with £27,335 in 2019/20 was as a result of the 1/3 reduction in licensing fees in 2020/21 and 2021/22, which had reduced income during this period; and

(ii) requested the Clerk to the Licensing Board, in consultation with Financial Services, GCC, to report to the next meeting providing further information on the reasons for the difference in net expenditure as referred to at paragraph (B) above.