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5th September 2023

Glasgow City Council

Local Licensing Forum

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT – LOCAL LICENSING FORUM TRAINING/RAISNG AWARENESS SESSION

Purpose of Report:

To provide members with an update on a Local Licensing Forum training/raising awareness session hosted by the Scottish Government and held in Glasgow City Chambers on 9th June 2023.

Recommendation:

The Forum is requested to note the report.

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1 Background

1.1 Members will recall that correspondence was received from the Scottish Government in 2022 regarding a survey being undertaken of Local Licensing Forums nationally to identify current levels of Forum activity and to hear about what was working well and any suggestions on how Forums could be better supported or improved. A report on the said survey was considered by this Forum on 6th September 2022 and it was agreed that the Convener submit a response on the Forum's behalf and that the draft response be issued to all members for further comment prior to the submission online. This was done and the final response was submitted by the deadline in early October 2022. A link to the relevant report and minutes of the meeting is listed below:-

Committee Information - Submission Documents (glasgow.gov.uk)

1.2 Reference was made in the report to the fact that the Scottish Government intended to produce a summary report once the survey was complete. Correspondence was received from the Minister for Community Safety in March 2023 enclosing the summary report and this was circulated to members for information via email at that time. The correspondence made reference to the delivery of a training session at a later date.

2 Local Licensing Forum – Training/awareness raising session

2.1 The Scottish Government hosted a Local Licensing Forum training/awareness raising session in Glasgow City Chambers on 9th June 2023. Representatives from Forums nationally were invited to attend and Donald MacLeod, Convener of this Forum, attended together with appropriate officials from this authority. The Scottish Government invited this authority to deliver a presentation providing an overview of our approach to the operation of this Forum. A number of other contributors also delivered various presentations, including the following:-

Elaine Mottram, Convener of Aberdeen Local Licensing Forum – Local and System Challenges;

Stephen McGowan, TLT Solicitors – An agents perspective;

Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety;

Ewan Carmichael, East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum (Young Person representative) – Alcohol Licensing and Inclusive Practice;

Diane Thomson, Alcohol Focus Scotland – Production of Forum Guide and facilitated sessions;

Douglas Meikle, SAIP/SWA – Proxy Purchase Campaign 2023; and

Gary Kenhard, Police Scotland – Best Bar None Scotland.

2.2 In addition, there were also 2 round table discussions. Attached as an appendix is a summary provided by the Scottish Government of the various issues raised during these discussions for information.

2.3 Following the training/awareness raising session held on 9th June 2023, further correspondence has now been received from the Scottish Government regarding a proposal that was raised at the session regarding the potential establishment of a National Licensing Forum Group. The Scottish Government have now advised that a meeting will be held on 30th August 2023 to discuss this suggestion and Donald MacLeod, Convener of this Forum, will attend together with Iain Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum. A verbal update will be provided to members at the Forum meeting on the outcome.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	None
Legal:	None
Personnel:	None
Procurement:	None

Council Strategic Plan: None

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.	N/A
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	N/A
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 this proposal?	N/A
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	

3 Recommendation

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