Item 8

6th September 2022

Glasgow City Council

Local Licensing Forum

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - LOCAL LICENSING FORUM SURVEY

Purpose of Report:

To advise members of a survey being undertaken by the Scottish Government of Local Licensing Forums to identify current levels of Forum activity and to hear about what is working well and any suggestions on how Forums could be better supported or improved.

Recommendation:

The Forum is requested to consider the attached survey questions (see appendix) and agree that the Convener submit a response on its behalf by end September 2022.

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

1 Background

1.1 Correspondence has been received from the Scottish Government regarding a survey being undertaken of Local Licensing Forums to identify current levels of Forum activity and to hear about what is working well and any suggestions on how Forums could be better supported or improved.

2 Local Licensing Forum Survey

2.1 In the said correspondence, the Scottish Government have highlighted that Forums have a vital role to play in local licensing arrangements and the development of local licensing policies. However, Forums, like the licensing system and the range of stakeholders working within it, have inevitably faced challenges and been required to adapt in response to COVID-19.

2.2 The Scottish Government is therefore working with Alcohol Focus Scotland to undertake a short survey of Local Licensing Forums as described at paragraph 1.1 above. It is proposed that a representative from each Forum, or a relevant officer if the Forum is inactive, provide **one response** to an online version of the survey available at: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LJJG6HD

2.3 The Scottish Government have further advised that the survey will be live for 3 months from the beginning of July 2022 and that the attached survey questions (see appendix) should be discussed at a Forum meeting prior to the answers being submitted online. It is suggested that given that this Forum is active, the response should be submitted by the Convener of the Forum by end of September 2022. It is further suggested that any members who wish to submit a written response to the survey questions should arrange for it to be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Friday, 16 September 2022. Any responses received will be passed to the Convener for consideration as part of the online response.

2.4 The Scottish Government intend to produce a summary report to share key findings with Forums and interested stakeholders, but any information provided will be anonymized so that answers of individual Forums cannot be identified.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

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

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