Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Update on licensing standards issues noted etc.

9 There was submitted a report by the Council's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on licensing standards issues in respect of the period from January to June 2022, advising

(1) that Licensing Standards, as statutory nominees, had provided comment on various applications, as detailed in the report, which included applications for

(a) new and provisional premises licences;

(b) major variation;

(c) occasional licences; and

(d) extended hours;

(2) of the nature of some of the applications submitted, which related to

(a) requests for inclusion of additional facilities, such as outdoor drinking areas;

(b) off sales consumption, including delivery services;

(c) the regularisation of previously granted temporary permissions; and

(d) occasional Licences for small and large-scale events held in the city, which had shown a marked increase;

(3) that Licensing Standards had dealt with 133 complaints, which mainly related to outdoor drinking, noise and anti-social behaviour, which had been dealt with working in conjunction with partner agencies and services;

(4) that Licensing Standards had also dealt with 240 enquiries, which mainly related to applications or to the legislative process; and

(5) of interest and stakeholder group activity undertaken by officers, which included disseminating information on various events held in the city to residents and licensed premises and also work undertaken on resurrecting a number of Pub Watch, Club Watch and Off Sales Watch meetings.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the report; and

(ii) that with regard to concern expressed at the meeting regarding applicants being granted a number of occasional licences to operate a 'pop up' bar to sell food and alcohol from the same premises, such applications would now

be referred to the Licensing Board for consideration in such circumstances but that each application would be considered on its own merits.