

Licensing Forum Sub-group to review the Licensing Board's Licensing Policy statement in relation to licensed hours for on-sales premises within the city centre boundary and overprovision – Approved.

6 With reference to the minutes of the 19th May 2026 approving the establishment of a Sub-group to review the Licensing Board's Licensing Policy statement in relation to licensed hours for on- sales premises within the city centre boundary and overprovision, there was submitted a report providing a response in relation to the consultation and the approved establishment and membership of the sub-group, advising that

- (1) the remit and the membership of the sub-group, as detailed in the report;
- (2) the sub-group had met on 2 occasions during August and September 2026 and had considered representations and data from all members regarding on-sale hours within the City Centre boundary and the current overprovision areas as contained in the Licencing Policy Statement;
- (3) in terms of gathering information to inform the Sub-group's response that it was clear from the outset the position had to be evidence based, as detailed in the report;
- (4) the Sub-group was made up of a diverse group of members, representing the range of vastly differing perspectives of stakeholders working within and affected by the licensing community and beyond and that this response aimed to strike a balance, reaching a position that best reflected the views of all members of the Forum;
- (5) the Licensing Board
 - (a) had determined at its meeting on 9th May 2025, to extend the 1am terminal hour for on-sales premises in the city centre for those premises that were initially granted a terminal licensed hour of 1am as part of the pilot which would continue with existing conditions, subject to minor amendment; and
 - (b) that of the applications for major variations in respect of City Centre on-sales premises who applied for a terminal hour of 1am would be considered on their own individual merits; and
- (7) of the current Overprovision assessment and localities which are contained within 7.6 of the Licensing Policy Statement, as detailed in the report; and
- (8) that the sub-group had considered an overview of alcohol health harms in Glasgow City from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

After consideration, the Forum noted

- (i) the contents of the report;

- (ii) comments by members regarding a change in culture in relation to persons attending licensed premises in the city centre where such persons were frequenting licensed premises earlier in the day and were less likely to attend such premises in the later hours;
- (iii) concerns raised by members in relation to extending hours and the impact it would have as some people don't feel safe coming into the City Centre due to taxi drivers over charging, not accepting card payments and Glasgow boundary issues;
- (iv) approved the terms of the Sub-group review of the Licensing Board's Licensing Policy statement in relation to licensed hours for on-sales premises within the city centre boundary and overprovision as outlined in the report; and
- (v) agreed to refer the report to the Licensing Board as its response to the Board's request for an interim review.