

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 19th May 2026.

Local Licensing Forum.

- Present:** Donald MacLeod, Concert Promoters' Association (Chair); Gary Atkinson, North West Resident; Fraser Brown, National Union of Students; Brian Fulton, Night Time Industry Association; Billy Gold, Scottish Licensed Trade Association; Charlie Ingham, Glasgow Life (substitute for Julie Pearson); Susan McKay, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce (substitute for Stuart Patrick); Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Matthew Reilly, Glasgow Pubwatch Groups; Sergeant B Rafferty, Police Scotland (substitute for Inspector Alan Ferris); and Paul Stewart, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council.
- Apologies:** Inspector Alan Ferris, Police Scotland; Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council; Jamie Mackie, Scottish Grocers' Federation; Chris McGuinness, Greater Glasgow Hotels Association; Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; and Julie Pearson, Glasgow Life.
- Attending:** D Brand (Clerk); I Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum; and G McNaught, Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of the previous meeting of 10th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

Impact of Glasgow hosting the Commonwealth Games on hotel industry – Item withdrawn.

- 2** This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – 2025/26 annual functions report noted.

- 3** There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board on the annual functions of the Licensing Board over 2025/26, in terms of section 9A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, advising
- (1) of various statements of how the Licensing Board had regard to both the licensing objectives and its Licensing Policy Statement, as detailed in the report;

- (2) of a summary of decisions made by (or on behalf of) the Licensing Board during 2025/26, including information on the number of licences in force as at 31st March 2026;
- (3) of information on the Board's membership and the administrative arrangements for Board meetings; that information and assistance was provided by the Council's Licensing Section and Licensing Standards Officers to members of the public who wished to apply for a licence or to complain about the operation of licensed premises;
- (4) and that in addition to information and assistance provided by the Council's licensing staff, many guidance documents and application forms were available from the Council's website.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – 2024/25 performance monitoring report noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board detailing the performance of the Licensing Board in the administration of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 over the last 6 months of 205/26, advising

- (1) of the key indicators used to measure performance in administering the Act;
- (2) of performance in respect of the period from October 2025 to March 2026 in comparison with the targets set; and
- (3) that overall the Board had achieved 90% of its performance targets in respect of this period compared with 88% of performance targets for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Forum noted

- (a) the contents of the report; and
- (b) that the Licensing section were currently implementing a new IT system therefore the format of reporting going forward may differ slightly.

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Review of Licensing Policy Statement – Establishment of Sub-group approved etc.

5 With reference to the minutes of 9th May 2023 noting that the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership would be undertaking work in relation to the collation of appropriate health and crime data and also in relation to data provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service and that this could be available for any mid-term review of overprovision areas undertaken by the Licensing Board. there was heard a verbal report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board regarding the proposed establishment of a Sub-group to review the Licensing Board's Licensing Policy statement in relation to licenced hours for on-sales premises within the city centre boundary and overprovision.

After consideration, the Forum

(1) noted that

- (a) the Licensing Board 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 would continue with existing conditions, subject to minor amendment; and
- (b) 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

(2) approved the

- (a) 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; and
- (b) membership of the said Sub-group as follows:-

<i>Name</i>	<i>Body/Organisation</i>
Donald MacLeod	Concert Promoters' Association (Chair)
Brian Fulton	Night Time Industry Association
Pete Cheema/Jamie Mackie	Scottish Grocers' Foundation
Inspector Alan Ferris (for Chief Constable)	Police Scotland
Daniel Carter	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Gary Atkinson	Community Resident
Stuart Patrick/Susan McKay	Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; and

- (c) requested Iain Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum to make the necessary meeting arrangements.

2026 Commonwealth Games – Item withdrawn.

6 This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Date of next meeting noted etc.

7 The Forum noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 8th September 2026 at 1400 hours and that all items of business should be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Tuesday, 18th August 2026.