

# Inverclyde Licensing Board

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## ALL MEMBERS OF THE LICENSING BOARD

Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of the **INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD** to be held on **THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016** at **10.00 a.m.** within the **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, GREENOCK.**

Yours faithfully

Depute Clerk

## AGENDA

- Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Application for Variation of Premises Licence**  
A list of applications is enclosed.
- Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Application for Transfer of Premises Licence with Variation of Licence**  
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- Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Application for Provisional Premises Licence**  
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- Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Police Scotland: Chief Constable's Report - 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016**  
Report attached.
- Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Inverclyde Licensing Board and Inverclyde Licensing Forum Joint Meeting**  
The Depute Clerk will report.

INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD  
 LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

(1) APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

<u>No</u>	<u>Name &amp; Address of Applicant</u>	<u>Address of Premises</u>	<u>Variation Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	T J Morris Ltd t/a Home Bargains Axis Business Park Portal Way Gillmoss Liverpool	<b>Home Bargains</b> Unit 4 Waterfront Retail Park Customhouse Way Greenock	Amend layout of premises resulting in increase of alcohol display area to 29.68 sq. m.  <b>Existing</b> 25.44 sq. m.	
2.	Roland Toma 209 Finnart Street Greenock	<b>Café Continental</b> 40 Kempock Street Gourock	(a) Increase commencement On Sales Core Licensing Hour on a Sunday to 11.00 a.m.  <b>Existing</b> Monday – Wednesday 11.00 a.m. – 12 Midnight Thursday – Saturday 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 a.m. Sunday 12.30 p.m. – 12 Midnight	
			(b) Reconfiguration of layout of premises to create a restaurant and bar servery on first floor with the addition of an outdoor roof terrace resulting in increase of occupancy capacity figure to 270 persons.  <b>Existing</b> 196 persons	

No   Name & Address of Applicant   Address of Premises   Variation Details   Decision

(c) Amend activities held in premises as follows:-

- (i) Addition of receptions including weddings, funerals, birthdays; Club or other group meetings; and outdoor drinking facilities to be provided both during and outwith Core Licensed Hours. (Tick box to 'Yes').
- (ii) Addition of bar meals; recorded music and televised sport to be provided outwith Core Licensed Hours. (Tick box to 'Yes').
- (iii) Addition of description to further details in respect of activities to be held outwith Core Licensed Hours as follows:-

*“Bar meals, receptions and club meetings, recorded music and use of the outdoor drinking facilities (all without alcohol) may take place from 8.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Televised sport may take place after core hours to 1.00 a.m. Sunday to Wednesday in the case of major international sporting tournaments in other time zones (no alcohol).”*

**Existing**

- (i) 'No' (tick box).
- (ii) 'No' (tick box).
- (iii) None

(d) Amend parts of the premises to which children and young persons are allowed entry to state “Whole Premises”.

**Existing**

Whole Café Area

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3.	The Tontine Hotel Ltd 6 Ardgowan Square Greenock	<b>The Tontine Hotel</b> 6 Ardgowan Square Greenock	<p>(a) Alterations to premises including extension to function suite; creation of new bar facility in basement area; and reposition gantry bar on ground floor, increasing the occupancy capacity to 137 persons in the basement area and 264 persons in the function suite – Total for whole premises 401 persons.</p> <p><b>Existing</b> 240 persons (whole premises)</p> <p>(b) Add “Basement Bar Premises” to parts of the premises to which children and young persons are allowed entry.</p> <p><b>Existing</b> Lounge, Restaurant and 3 function suites</p> <p>(c) Add televised sport to activities to be held within premises during Core Licensing Hours. (Tick box to ‘Yes’).</p> <p><b>Existing</b> No (tick box)</p>													
4.	St Laurence’s Social Club Ingleston Street Greenock	<b>St Laurence’s Social Club</b> Ingleston Street Greenock	<p>(a) Amend Core Licensing Hours for both On Sales and Off Sales to:-</p> <p><u>On Sales</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>12 Noon – 12.30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday – Thursday</td> <td>12 Noon – 12 Midnight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday &amp; Saturday</td> <td>12 Noon – 12.30 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>12.30 p.m. – 12 Midnight</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Off Sales</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday – Saturday</td> <td>12 Noon – 10.00 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>12.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Monday	12 Noon – 12.30 a.m.	Tuesday – Thursday	12 Noon – 12 Midnight	Friday & Saturday	12 Noon – 12.30 a.m.	Sunday	12.30 p.m. – 12 Midnight	Monday – Saturday	12 Noon – 10.00 p.m.	Sunday	12.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	
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**Existing**

On Sales

Monday	12 Noon – 4.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	12.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Thursday	12.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. & 8.00 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Friday	2.00 p.m. – 1.00 a.m.
Saturday	2.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m.
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Saturday	2.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.
Sunday	12.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. & 8.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

(b) Children of all ages to be permitted on premises.

**Existing**

6 years and upwards.

(c) Amend address of premises to 22 Cartsburn Street,  
Greenock PA15 4UA

**Existing**

Ingleston Street, Greenock, PA15 4UD

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(2) APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCE WITH VARIATION OF LICENCE

<u>No</u>	<u>Name and Address of Applicant</u>	<u>Address of Premises</u>	<u>Proposed Licence Holder</u>	<u>Variation Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	Martin McColl Limited Martin McColl House Ashwells Road Brentwood Essex	<b>Premier Sinclair Street</b> 48 Sinclair Street Greenock	Martin McColl Limited Martin McColl House Ashwells Road Brentwood Essex	(a) Transfer of licence holder as detailed with change of designated premises manager.  <b>Proposed DPM</b> Brian William Henderson	
			<b>Current Licence Holder</b> Surinder Singh Dhillon 12 Patrickbank Wynd Elderslie Johnstone Renfrewshire	<b>Current DPM</b> Surinder Singh Dhillon	
				(b) Amend Off Sales Core Licensing Hours to:-  Monday – Sunday 10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.  <b>Existing</b> Monday – Sunday 10.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.	
				(c) Amend internal layout of the premises resulting in decrease of alcohol display area to 14 sq. m.  <b>Existing</b> 23 sq. m.	
				(d) Change name of premises to McColls  <b>Existing</b> Premier Sinclair Street	

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(3) APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

<u>No</u>	<u>Name &amp; Address of Applicant</u>	<u>Address of Premises</u>	<u>Proposed Premises Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	Antony Bonatti 2D Ashburn Gate Gourock	<b>Tonino's</b> 24 – 25 Grey Place Greenock	<b>Description of Premises</b> Pizzeria / Takeaway with adjacent seating for up to 20 diners.  <b>Core Licensing Hours – On Sales</b> Monday – Sunday 12 Noon – 10.00 p.m.  <b>Activities</b> Restaurant facilities, bar meals and recorded music to be provided during and outwith core licensed hours.  Food and hot beverages will be sold from 10.00 a.m. – 12 Noon while alcohol will not be available.  <b>Children and Young Persons</b> Terms: Children and Young Persons will be permitted on the premises with adult supervision while dining. Alcohol will not be sold to any person under 18 years of age.  Ages: Any person under 18 can enter the shop to purchase food.  Times: During operating hours.  Parts: Takeaway section and dining section.  <b>Occupancy Capacity</b> 20 seated diners.  <b>Designated Premises Manager</b> Antony Bonatti	



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CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT TO THE  
INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD  
FOR THE PERIOD  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2015 to 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016



**NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED****FOREWORD**

As the Chief Constable of Police Scotland, it gives me great pleasure to provide my first annual licensing report, in accordance with section 12(A) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for the contribution and excellent work undertaken during the past year throughout the licensing area of business in Scotland, especially within our 32 Local Authorities.

Police Scotland together with our licensing partners have faced and continue to confront many challenges, not least our budget constraints. However, this will not detract from our commitment to continuing to provide the very best and sustainable policing service to our communities across the country.

I am especially keen to develop our local services to meet the varying licensing demands and expectations within our diverse local communities, by listening to people and developing opportunities to improve, including the sharing of best practise and influencing positive attitudes and behaviours to reduce alcohol related crimes and anti-social behaviour.

Police Scotland's licensing structure and function has recently undergone significant transition and now benefits from improved governance, flexibility and support, with a real emphasis on quality of service. These changes are further enhanced through our commitment to investing and implementing a national I.T. database, (Innkeeper), which has significantly improved our management and the administration of all liquor and civic licences. Police Scotland and our licensing partners now benefit from a consistent service with improved local delivery, decision making and reporting process.

With our licensing transition complete, we are now transforming our licensing service and central to this is our ability to continue to work closely with our Local Authorities, the licensed trade and other key partners, with a main focus on prevention and vulnerability.

We recognise that problem solving is essential in achieving our mutual aims of public safety and a healthy community environment, while enforcement should only be used as necessary. We will only achieve these aims together through consent and by legitimate means with the full support of all key licensing partners.

I look forward to the coming year where we will continue to improve licensing standards, reduce violence and continue to keep our communities and people safe.

Philip Gormley QPM  
Chief Constable  
Police Service of Scotland

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**NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED****POLICE SCOTLAND LICENSING OVERVIEW**

Following the inception of Police Scotland in 2013, a two tier structure for licensing was adopted to support both national and local priorities and service delivery.

A National Licensing Policy Unit (NLPU), which sits within Licensing and Violence Reduction Division, has overall responsibility for determining and delivering national licensing strategy and policy. The NLPU also provides advice, guidance and support to divisional licensing teams as well as undertaking other specialist functions.

Dedicated licensing teams are located in each of the 13 local divisions and are responsible for the day to day management of licensing administration, complying with statutory requirements as well as addressing any issues that may arise within licensed premises within their local area.

**LICENSING BOARD AREA**

The licensing Board area is policed by Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division.

Chief Superintendent James Downie is the Local Police Commander who has the responsibility for all day-to-day policing functions.

Inspector Garry Kirkwood has the head of the licensing department, with Sergeant Jeff Curran the current licensing Sergeant.

**LOCAL POLICING PRIORITIES**

Following our public consultation process, the policing priorities for Inverclyde, as set out in our Local Policing Plan are as follows;

- Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour
- Assault and Violent Crime
- Drug Dealing and Use
- Housebreaking and Other Theft

Inverclyde is bordered on its north edge by the Firth of Clyde and stretches south where it meets North Ayrshire. It has a population of approximately 80,000 people. It is one of the smallest in terms of area (29th) and population (27th) out of the 32 Scottish unitary authorities.

The main towns of Greenock and Port Glasgow are surrounded by smaller local communities such as Wemyss Bay, Gourock and Kilmacolm and policing delivery is tailored to meet the needs of those communities. Partnership working in Inverclyde is well established and those partnerships deliver a highly effective police service which in turn has a positive impact on local communities.

Inverclyde has a rich and renowned history in shipbuilding and the 'deep water docking' within the Clyde still offers berth to visiting cruise ships. Much investment has centered on education within Inverclyde, which now boasts several state-of-the-

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art schools. Following a merger in 2013, the formerly known James Watt College now forms part of the West of Scotland College and is home to over 30,000 students across the entire campus.

There are sharp differences between affluent and deprived areas with Inverclyde having a 4.5% share of the 15% most deprived data zones across Scotland. Community Health profiles for Inverclyde reveal that life expectancy is lower than that in the whole of Scotland. Inverclyde communities are served by Inverclyde Royal Hospital and admissions for alcohol and drug related matters are significantly higher than the national average with drug related admissions being more than double that average.

Alcohol related violence and disorder, much of which occurs within the home environment remain of utmost concern for us. Local peoples' priorities take cognisance of this and Police Scotland will continue to support visible and preventative policing, focussing on reassurance through intervention and tackling re-offending in order to address this difficult societal issue.

There are currently 209 licensed premises in Inverclyde, 74 are licensed for off sales only, 80 on sales only and 55 for both on and off sales.

**OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**

Due to the accessibility, availability and affordability of alcohol, it continues to be a principle factor in many of the incidents reported to the police. Its misuse is acknowledged as a contributor when dealing with anti-social behaviour, violence and disorder, domestic abuse and child protection.

Police Scotland working alongside our partner agencies, reduces the impact alcohol has on local communities whilst reinforcing and attaining our main priority to "Keep People Safe". Officers remain focused on issues surrounding the sale and supply of alcohol within local communities. By adopting a joint approach with partner agencies, licensed premises and individuals employed within the licensing trade, we focus and target those who fail to promote responsible trading practices.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

Partnership working is key to delivering tangible outcomes and we will continue to strengthen our relationships with all agencies, community representatives and local residents to ensure our services are co-ordinated, effective and efficient and address the needs of our communities

Some examples of work carried out during the past 12 months include:

Working with Inverclyde Trading Standards, the licensing department arranged a licensing seminar for the Inverclyde liquor licensing trade. The seminar was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at Port Glasgow Town Hall and premises licence holders,

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management and staff of all on sale premises were invited to attend. Approximately 30 persons attended the event and inputs relating to crime scene management, current drug trends and legal highs, preventing sexual violence, road policing and counter terrorism were afforded to the attendees.

Cashback for Communities is a unique Scottish Government programme which takes funds recovered from the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and invests them into free activities and programmes for young people across Scotland. The current projects range from diversionary sporting activities to long term and potentially life changing intervention projects, which aim to turn an individual's life around and provide them with the opportunity of a positive destination such as employment, education or volunteering. Current proposals for Inverclyde include the development of a multi-media film and live performance show which would tour locally, the introduction of Schools of Rugby within Inverclyde secondary schools and initiatives to help young people overcome financial barriers to access further education, training, employment or volunteering opportunities.

No Knives Better Lives is a national initiative which aims to raise awareness of the consequences of carrying a knife whilst providing information on local activities and opportunities for young people. It is delivered at a local level and available to any local authority area in Scotland and offers advice and support in relation to all aspect of developing and delivering a local No Knives Better Lives initiative. It is a primary prevention initiative that specifically addresses the issue of knife carrying but is informed by and complimentary to wider policy priorities and interventions that aim to prevent offending and anti-social behaviour and to improve outcomes for young people in Scotland.

Persistent Offender Partnership is a community safety initiative which uses a joint partnership approach to identify and focus of the needs of the most persistent offenders within Inverclyde, whose crimes are committed in order to sustain their dependency on alcohol and/or drugs or where the addiction has a fundamental link to offending. Those on the scheme are offered assistance aimed at minimising their alcohol and drug abuse, reducing or stopping offending behaviour and promoting 'positive' lifestyles for them and their families. In the past year there have been 53 persons on the scheme whose misuse of alcohol has been noted as a contributory factor in their offending.

The Wasted Project is an alcohol awareness project run in conjunction with Inverclyde Community Learning and Development. It provides advice and guidance from experts on substance misuse and is delivered to 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupils within Inverclyde, with the most recent event being held within the Port Glasgow Town Hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Pupils participated in the full day event, discussing the dangers relating to substance misuse, including involvement in risky behaviours, violence and lowered sexual inhibitions.

Radio link provides a direct link between licensed premises owners and the CCTV operators within Greenock police office, ensuring a swift and effective police response to incidents as well as providing reassurance to staff in licensed premises.

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**PROBLEM SOLVING**

Police Scotland currently have 3 levels for categorising licensed premises that come to our attention:

- Monitored – premises that require extra support and supervision. This can include premises that have come to police attention through incidents or newly opened premises with inexperienced staff. Low level approach is used to address issues before they escalate.
- Intervention – a formal intervention agreement is put in place to improve the safe and legitimate operation of a premises. This intervention plan would be discussed with staff and a list of conditions agreed upon by all parties. The intervention period would last a minimum of three months and reviewed at its expiry date.
- Problematic – premises deemed problematic will normally be the subject of a premises licence review submission by Police Scotland to the relevant licensing board.

Any categorised premises will be subject to regular inspections to ensure compliance. These premises will form part of the tasking regime for the Greenock Town Centre Action Plan, which is reviewed on a weekly basis.

Figures for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 show that there were a total of three monitored premises within Inverclyde which were subject to regular inspections. There were zero intervention or problematic premises during this time.

**SUMMARY**

Appendices A and B provide details of all crimes/offences detected within Inverclyde and the volume of applications processed by Police Scotland for licensed premises within Inverclyde in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

**Section 1 - Unlicensed sale of alcohol** – There were no offences of this nature reported in the previous 12 months.

**Section 22 – Objections and Representations** – There were no objections or representations submitted by Police Scotland in response to the grant of new premises licences.

**Section 36 – Review Applications** – There were no premises subject to a review application in the previous 12 months.

**Section 63 – Sale or supply outwith Licensed hours** – There were no offences of this nature reported in the previous 12 months.

**Section 72 – Personal Licence Applications** – There were no recommend refusals in the previous 12 months.

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**Section 84 – Personal Licence Reviews** - There were no review submissions in the previous 12 months.

**Section 94 – Exclusion Orders** – There were no exclusion orders in the previous 12 months.

**Section 97 – Closure Orders** – There have been no closure orders issued in the previous 12 months.

**Section 111-116 – Drunkenness/Disorder Offences** – 14 persons were charged under these sections during this year. It is believed that many of the incidents dealt with under this piece of legislation will have been disposed of by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice rather than the statutory offences contained within this section of the Act

The total number of offences recorded under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 has fallen from 18 in 2014-15 to 17 in 2015-2016.

**PREVENTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Police Scotland in conjunction with partner agencies continue to have a positive impact on the future outcomes for children and families, by addressing the sale and supply of alcohol to young persons, by licensed premises or by proxy (agent purchase).

Identifying young people that drink, or those on the periphery of offending through alcohol, or otherwise, will allow intervention to be progressed and consistently applied. Diversionary activities such as Street Stuff, Choices for Life and the Persistent Offenders Partnership complement ongoing enforcement activity within our communities.

130 children and young people were referred under the Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) scheme in the last year, a number of whom were noted as being drink/drugs related. Research has shown that the earlier intervention occurs the more likely children and young persons are to engage and not re-offend.

The provision of test purchasing in terms of section 105 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 is a tactic which is used where there is an underlying body of evidence to suggest that alcohol is being supplied or purchased from a particular off sales premises or that the participating premises are found within a locality where all off-sale licensed premises are being subjected to a test purchase operation, in a non-discriminatory manner, to raise awareness in relation to the illegal sale/purchase of alcohol in licensed premises.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2015, premises across Inverclyde were tested on 23 occasions by Police Scotland. One premises failed the test purchase on two occasions which resulted in various staff members being charged under section 102 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. Police Scotland's intention was to submit a premises licence review to Inverclyde Council, however the licence was surrendered prior to this.

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Anecdotally there continues to be a move towards 'agent purchase' of alcohol and much less instances of children or young person's purchasing alcohol themselves however no persons were reported for this offence in the last year

**TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME**

Police Scotland, operating in line with the Scottish Government Strategy for tackling Serious Organised Crime aims to keep people safe by reducing the risk of harm posed by these groups through continually targeting them.

Although not always visible, serious and organised crime is a multi-million pound enterprise with significant social and economic costs. Police Scotland have made a commitment to dismantle organised crime groups through focused intelligence gathering and continued collaborative working with communities, public and private sector bodies and key partner agencies. We will disrupt their activities such as drug supply and minimise opportunities for money laundering through the auspices of seemingly 'legitimate' enterprises, whilst using the Proceeds of Crime legislation to recover money obtained by illegal activities.

By working together to develop innovative tactics and interventions to reduce the harm and impact of such groups across Renfrewshire, we can divert offenders and those who are vulnerable to criminal gangs. This will deter illegal activities, disrupt the networks associated with serious and organised crime groups and detect offenders.

Due to the nature of their business these groups operate across sub divisional boundaries. There are currently 10 groups operating within the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area and they have connections to the licensed trade, via second hand dealers, tanning salons and car wash premises. Police Scotland work regularly with partners at Renfrewshire council around trying to disrupt these groups through multi agency days of action. It can be difficult to link these groups to serious incidents however targeting less serious crimes has disrupted their operations.

Over the last year there has been cash seizures and restraints amounting to £4.3 million.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD****Test Purchase Operations**

These intelligence-led operations will continue to be led by officers from the licensing department and police officers local to the Inverclyde sub division.

**Immigration Enforcement**

The licensing department will continue to lead multi agency operations with officers from the Home Office Immigration Enforcement (HOIE) and HMRC throughout the coming year.

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**NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED****Innkeeper**

Innkeeper is the new IT system deployed throughout Police Scotland to manage licensing. It was launched on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and with the assistance of the Inverclyde Council Licensing Section, licensing staff have been updating the system with information previously held in paper copies. This back record conversion as well as inputting of new applications will be time consuming but will ultimately lead to a more effective and efficient national electronic system.

**LICENSING SEMINAR**

Plans are in place for the annual festive season seminar and consultation will be held with partners to ensure the topics are relevant and appropriate.

**NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

Our Priorities and Policing Plans continue to be shaped by the objectives contained within Scottish Government's Strategic Objectives and National Outcomes and the Strategic Police Plan that are delivered locally through single outcome agreements.

Consultation and engagement is combined with our own analysis of the issues likely to impact on the safety of the public to inform our local and national Strategic Assessments that identify our priorities and provide a firm evidence base for local policing teams across Scotland to deliver operational plans to prevent crime and disorder and Keep People Safe.

**OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES ARE:**

- **Violence Disorder and Anti-social Behaviour**
- **Serious Organised Crime**
- **Road Safety and Road Crime**
- **Protecting People at Risk of Harm**
- **Counter Terrorism**

The National Licensing Policy Unit (NLPU) is a specialist department which consists of a small team of officers, based in Glasgow. The officers within the unit work in conjunction with licensing colleagues, from local policing divisions. Together, they seek to ensure that legislation governing the sale and supply of alcohol and other civic licensed activity is applied and reported consistently across the country to licensing boards, in accordance with the Licensing Objectives.

During 2016/17, from a licensing perspective, our particular focus will be on the following;

- Scrutiny of the serious incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises.
- Continuous professional development training and guidance for staff to harmonise licensing practice across the country.

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- Working closely with statutory partners to introduce a National Licensing Trade Forum to identify licensing related issues and prevent/reduce associated crimes.
- The implementation and ongoing development of a National ICT Licensing System, known as “Inn Keeper”, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of liquor and civic licensing administration and management.

The assistance obtained from the local authority to ensure that “Innkeeper” was implemented successfully during March 2016 is very much appreciated by Police Scotland. It is anticipated that this effective collaboration between the parties will continue to ensure that this valuable national resource remains fit for purpose and significantly improves the management of liquor and civic licensing records, documentation and information.

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**APPENDIX A**

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Review Applications 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

Inverclyde Board Area

<b>Type of Application or Review</b>	<b>Total</b>
Section 36 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for Review of Premises Licence	0
Section 84 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 –Review of Personal Licence (conduct inconsistent with Licensing objectives)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

*Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005*

*Applications Received 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016*

*Inverclyde Board Area*

<b>Type of Application</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Premises Licence</i>	5
<i>Provisional Premises Licence</i>	2
<i>Extended Hours</i>	106
<i>Major Variation</i>	14
<i>Minor Variation</i>	37
<i>Occasional Licence</i>	269
<i>Personal Licence</i>	57
<i>Premises Transfer</i>	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>

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**APPENDIX B**

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Number of Crimes and Offences 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

Inverclyde Board Area

<b>Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Total</b>
Section 1(1)	Liquor licensing laws, other offences	0
Section 48(1)(a)	Liquor licensing laws, other offences	0
Section 52(1)	Liquor licensing laws, other offences	0
Section 52(2)	Liquor licensing laws, other offences	1
Section 102(1)	Sale of alcohol to person under 18 years of age	2
Section 105(4)(B)	Buy or attempt to buy alcohol for child or young person	0
Section 110	Licensed persons, other offences	0
Section 111(1)	Drunk and attempting to enter licensed premises	0
Section 113	Licensed persons, other offences	0
Section 115(1)(a)	Disorderly on licensed premises	10
Section 115(2)	Permitting riotous behaviour within licensed premises	0
Section 116	Refusing to quit a licensed premises	0
Section 116(1)	Refusing to quit a licensed premises	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>

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