

INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 10.00 A.M.

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, Jackson, McEleny, Murphy and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr James Douglas and Fiona Denver (for Clerk to the Board); Inspector J MacDonald and Sergeant J Hay (Police Scotland); Roisin Dillon and Annemarie Black, Licensing Standard Officers, Mr A Smith and Mr I Hamil (Inverclyde Licensing Forum)

Apologies: Councillor Moran and Wilson.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest intimated.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 REVIEW / CONSULTATION OF LICENSING BOARD POLICY STATMENT

The Chair advised that information was received from Police Scotland, NHS and the Licensing Forum to assist the Board in considering the review of the Licensing Board Policy Statement. The reports and statistical information were e-mailed to Members when submitted and copies were circulated at the meeting.

Mr Douglas outlined the procedure for review and consultation of the Board's Policy.

The main points discussed were the curfew and overprovision with all parties in attendance contributing both positive and negative views. Discussion on the statistical information was also debated.

During the process of these discussions, Councillor McEleny left the meeting.

The Chair advised that Members would take all information into account and decide on a draft Policy which will go out to consultation.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input and attendance.

The Members then deliberated on the Draft Policy and agreed that no change be made to the Curfew or Overprovision at paragraphs 7.8 and 9 of the current Policy. It was noted that those persons/organisations consulted on the draft Policy and the public have the opportunity to submit their comments which will be taken into consideration before a final Policy is adopted. Members unanimously agreed to remit to the Clerk to proceed with the consultation review as per legislative requirements.

GAMBLING ACT 2005 REVIEW / CONSULTATION OF LICENSING BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

Following talks on the Gambling legislation, Members unanimously agreed to maintain the current terms of the Gambling Statement of Principles and remit to the Clerk to proceed with the consultation review as per legislative requirements.