# **Engagement on Main Issues**

#### **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

31 October 2022 - 6 January 2023

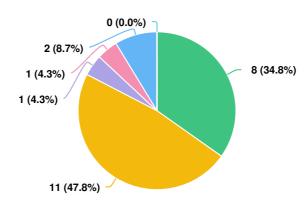
#### **PROJECT NAME:**

**Review of the Aberdeenshire Licensing Board's Licensing Policy Statement** 





#### Q1 Are you a



#### **Question options**



## Q2 Please specify what public sector organisation

Police Scotland

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Optional question (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

#### Q3 Please specify what council service

**Protective Services** 

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Question type: Single Line Question

#### Please specify in what capacity you are completing this survey

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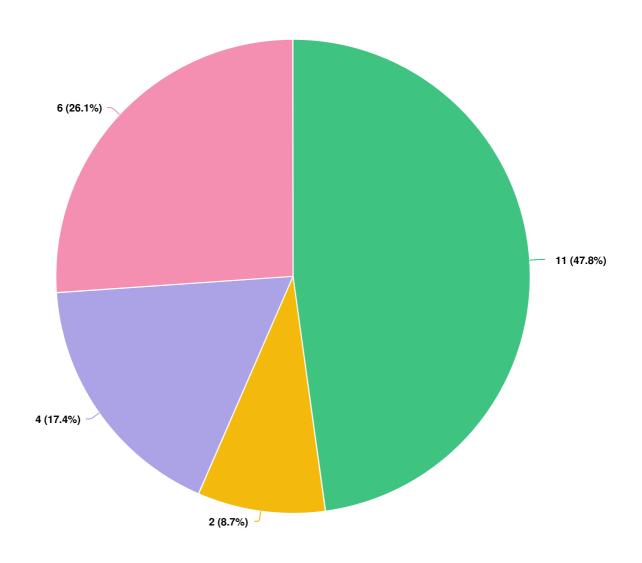
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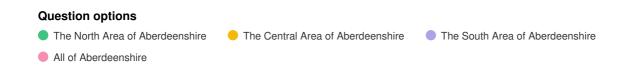
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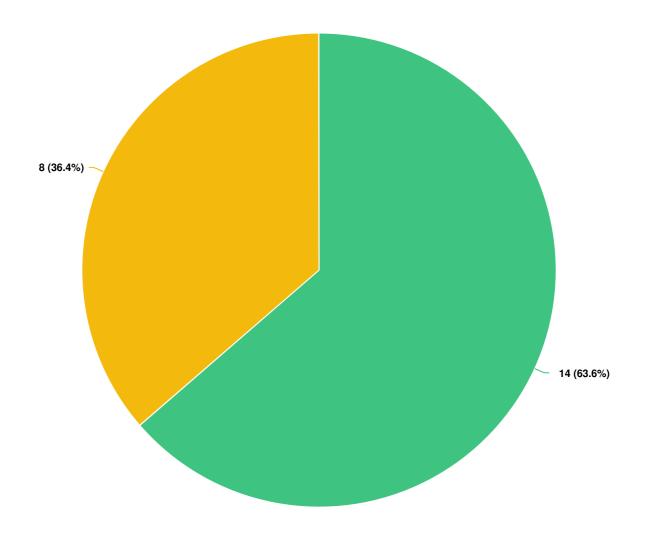
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# Q6 Do you have a connection to



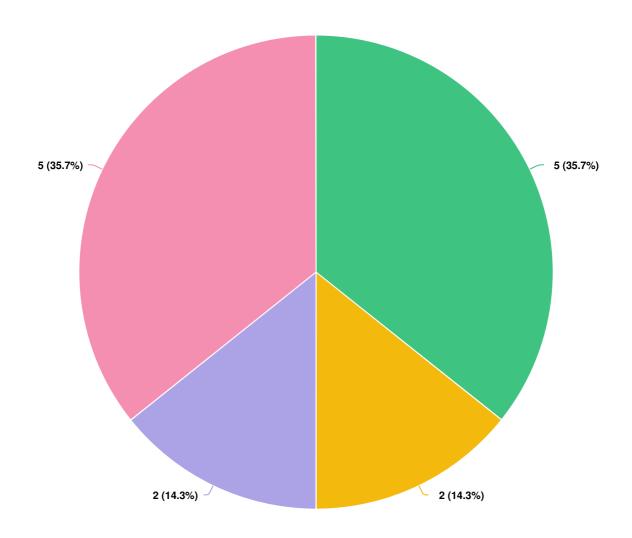


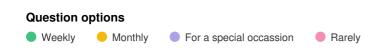
## Q7 Do you visit vertical drinking establishments?



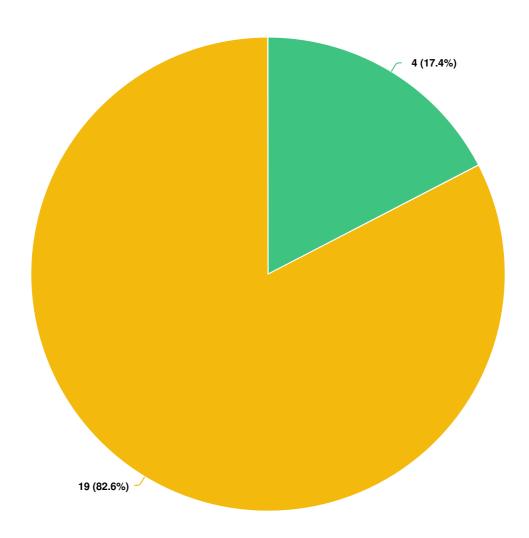


#### Q8 How often do you visit vertical drinking establishments?





Q9 Do you, or your organisation have any concerns around vertical drinking establishments?



#### **Question options**



#### Q10 Please provide us with details of your concerns:

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Amount sold and to those already drunk!

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They are a proven source of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour

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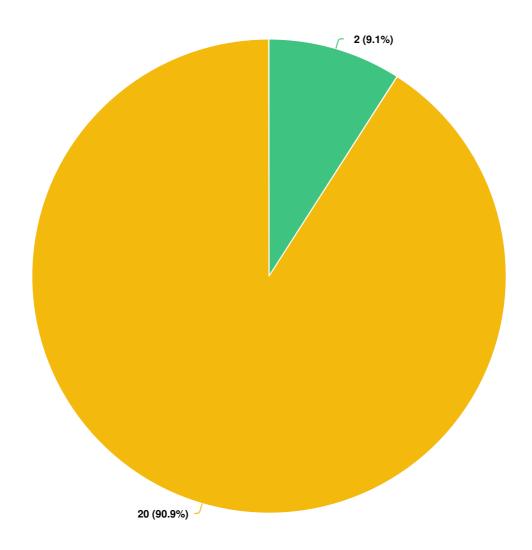
No seating can only lead to binge drinking.

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Bus runs remain a concern - work previously done and Board agreed to pick up and review. Encourage premises to diversify in their offerings in line with licensing objectives.

Optional question (4 response(s), 19 skipped)

Q11 Are there premises other than vertical drinking establishments that cause you concern?





## Q12 Please provide us with details in terms of the type of premises and your concerns:

Shops with off licences

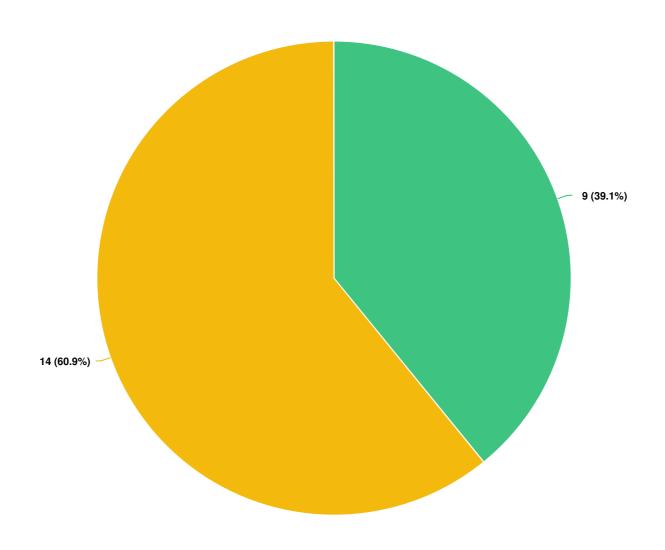
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Nightclubs

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Optional question (2 response(s), 21 skipped)

Should the local condition relating to beer gardens and outside areas be amended to 10.00 pm rather than 11.00 pm?





#### Please explain your reasoning for your answer above.

Why not. The time for beer gardens are in the summer not winter around the ne of Scotland.

Closing an outdoor area at the earlier time reduces the probability of 11/22/2022 12:10 PM disturbing neighbouring properties, particularly in residential areas.

The local nuisance. People having alcohol generally get noiser.

Noise issues with neighbouring properties

If the activities finish at 10.00 that reduces noise and other potential anti-social behaviours and allows the licensee time to clear up before it gets too late



was 10pm when I was young and don't see why it needs to be later



To reduce noise pollution. By 11pm many are drunk and can be roudy.

# Anonymous

Noise pollution

Reduce impact to the community in line with licensing objectives.



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Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

## Why should this not be changed to 10.00 pm?



The benefits of out door socialising have been highlighted over the last couple of years. The natural beauty of Aberdeenshire can be appreciated in the late evenings whether it's the northern lights or late

night sunsets in the summer. Climatically there may be a natural encouragement for groups not to be outside later, do feel no need for tighter restrictions especially in rural areas. The behaviour of a few affects everyone. Those selling alcohol should be made more aware of consequences for consumer and those selling. It should be put back to 1AM like it was before. I find it very unusual after covid you are restricting peoples movement outside. Has there been any evidence to support this 11PM cut off? Please put it back to normal In the summer when it is light and being used we notify patrons (normally very few left) that the beer garden closes at 11. Never an issue as it is dark by then. We need the Beer Gardens to boost sales in the summer as things are tough enough. I think it really depends on the location and what is around about the premises. As in my own scenario we have no neighbours Not aware of any issues regarding the need to change I cannot see the concern as long as it is being controlled in correct manner 11/09/2022 02:47 PM Its just yet another restriction, surely if there was anyone causing a 11/11/2022 10:04 AM nuisance of any kind they would no longer be there anyway, I do not believe an hour would make any difference, all you are doing is restricting the income from establishments that can have an outside provision. Common sense needs to be applied. 11.00pm is still a reasonable time for this condition Anonymous no difference same privilege for all 12/09/2022 04:18 PM If properly operated 11 pm should not cause a problem. Anonymous

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It's backward looking, people like to drink longer, let them

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not relevant

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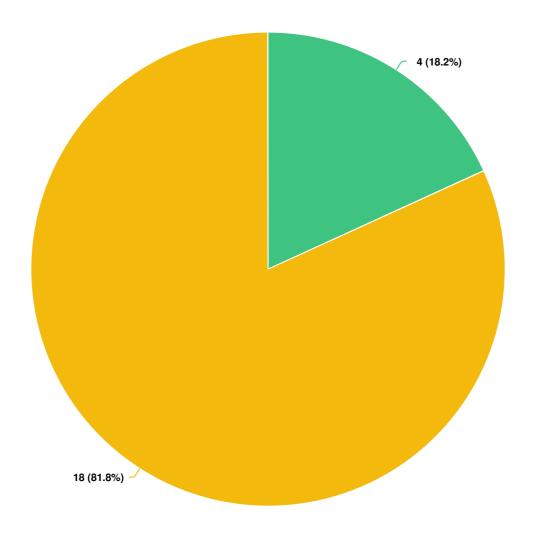
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I don't think it should be changed to 10pm for Friday and Saturdays

but certainly for all other weekdays.

Optional question (14 response(s), 9 skipped)

Q16 Having regard to the 5 Licensing Objectives, the provisions of the Licensing Policy Statement and the provisions of the Legislation, do any of the other Local Conditions require to be updated?





Q17 Please provide details of the Local Conditions (Premises Licences) which you feel need updated and your reasons why:



No.5 If considering a change in the terminal time to 2200 hours for outside areas, it might be worth considering limiting the audible noise to 2200 hours as well. No. 21 Should all premises be required to have CCTV? No. 31Change to 2200 hrs



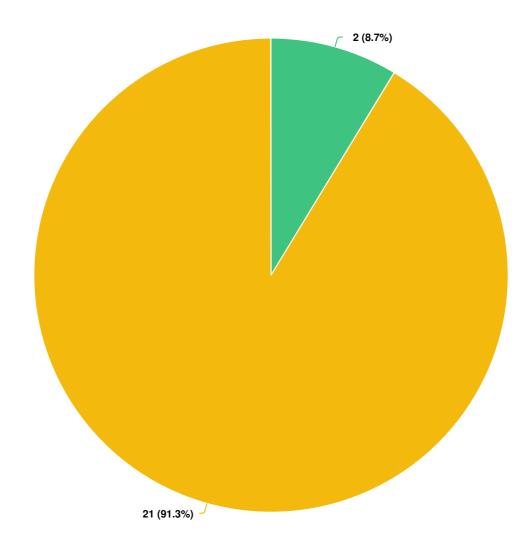
If specific conditions are being recommended regularly as described above, then the regulations need changed.



Admin issues - Central and South premises get conditions cherry picked and therefore the full list of conditions (including headings) not included as appendix to premises licence. For example condition 1 reads differently with/without the heading 'general management for all premises'. North premises currently get full set of local conditions attached to licence regardless, whereas Central and South premises are getting only relevant conditions attached depending on new application/variation. Revisit conditions specific to children and YP relate to sale of alcohol. Revisit conditions relating to 'premises providing late night entertainment'. Revisit conditions relating to 'members clubs' with reference to supplementary policy 7. Condition 31 - potential additional wording to reference to smoking areas. Condition 34 - further conversation - can be difficult to manage both within/outwith premises. Use of the term 'nightclub' is no longer relevant - late night premises operating but not as nightclub with entertainment etc.

Optional question (3 response(s), 20 skipped)

Q18 Having regard to the 5 Licensing Objectives, the provisions of the Licensing Policy Statement and the provisions of the Legislation, do you think there is a requirement for any further conditions to be added to the pool of Local Conditions or remov...





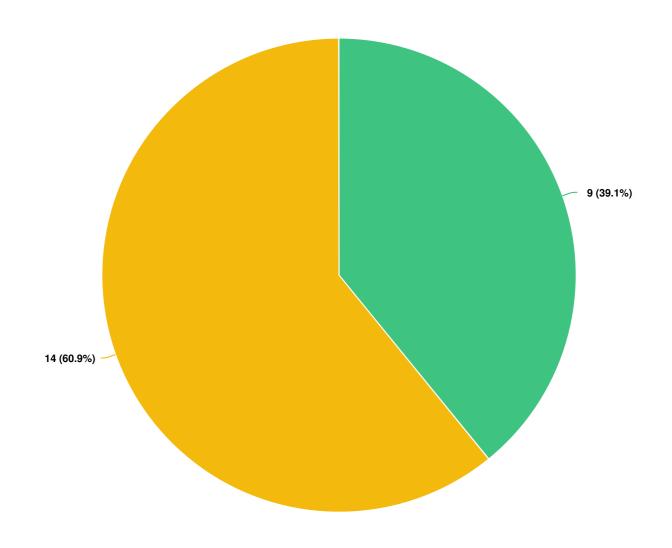
Q19 Please provide details of any Local Conditions (Premises Licences) which you feel should be added or removed and your reasons why:



Addition of internet sales, off sales deliveries, street cafe consent & Deliveries. Children and YP conditions which do not relate to the sale of alcohol to be removed.

Optional question (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

Q20 Having regard to the 5 Licensing Objectives, the provisions of the Licensing Policy Statement and the provisions of the Legislation, do you think any of the Local Conditions for Occasional licences require to be updated?



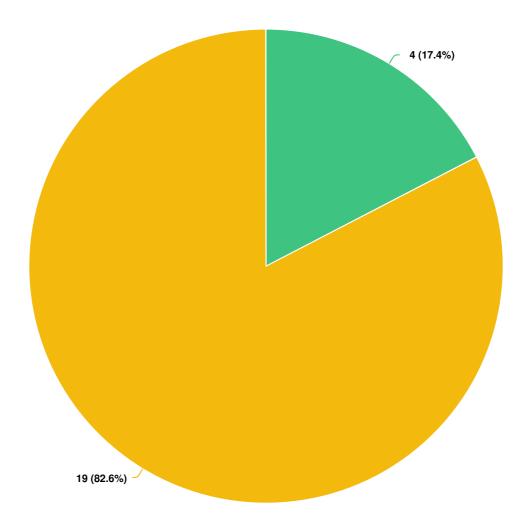


# Q21 Please provide details of the Local Conditions (Occasional Licences) which you feel need updated and your reasons why:

11/02/2022 02:00 PM	Make it easier
11/02/2022 09:46 PM	Heras Fencing (or similar) Can make local events have a harsh appearance, detracting from the natural charm an atmosphere of the area, and potentially encouraging antisocial behaviour by introducing a prohibition atmosphere.
11/02/2022 08:50 PM	More staff should be trained not one for the event
11/22/2022 12:10 PM	Harmonise the times for all three areas - 0900 to 0100 hrs
11/03/2022 02:50 PM	Please allow tickets to be sold at the events.
11/08/2022 12:26 PM	Ability to process occasional licences sooner than 6 weeks
11/11/2022 10:04 AM	I feel the legislation on private members clubs needs to be better applied. There needs to be less restrictions compared to a public licence. The two are completely different. Members in their own club cant hold a private function unless they invite enough members to cover the law or apply for an occasional licence. Which is ridiculous for a members club of 700 and you can only get ten licences a year!
11/15/2022 11:41 AM	Occasional license should be subject to the same restrictions as a licensed premises.
1/04/2023 05:14 PM	Previous exercise done in 2017 - will provide documentation separately to Licensing Board/Depute Clerk to the Board for consideration. Current local conditions relate to events, whereas, occasional licences now being granted for premises/businesses trading short/medium/long term. Conditions not fit for this purpose.

Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)

Q22 Having regard to the 5 Licensing Objectives, the provisions of the Licensing Policy Statement and the provisions of the Legislation, do you think there is a requirement for any further Occasional Licence Conditions to be added to the pool of Local ...





Q23 Please provide details of any Local Conditions (Occasional Licences) which you feel should be added or removed and your reasons why:



Better question. Please it's written for both sides



11/02/2022 09:46 PM

The requirement for Heras Fencing (or similar) should be removed. By having such a Visually impactful 'drinking enclosure' can induce antisocial behaviour. If it were a more continental, (or even uk wide) style environment it would encourage clientele at the events that wouldn't necessarily want to go into the caged off bar areas.



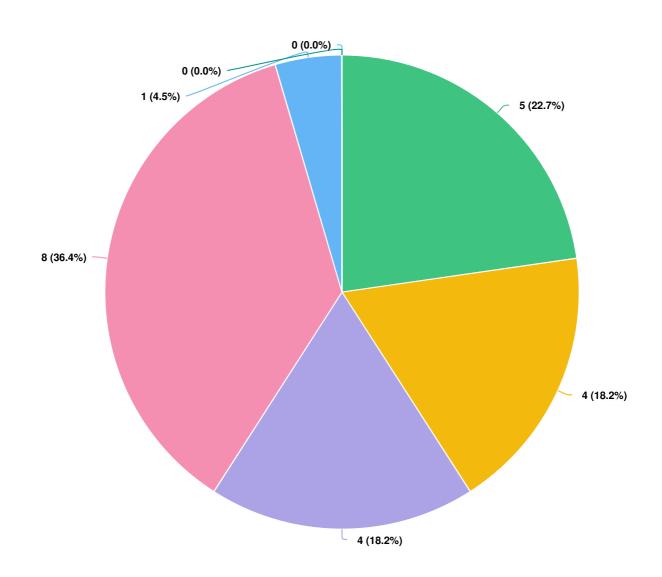
I feel the whole area of occasional licences needs to be addressed for private members clubs.

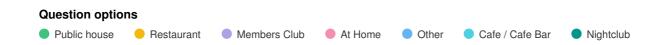


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Optional question (4 response(s), 19 skipped)

#### Q24 Where do you drink alcohol on a regular basis?





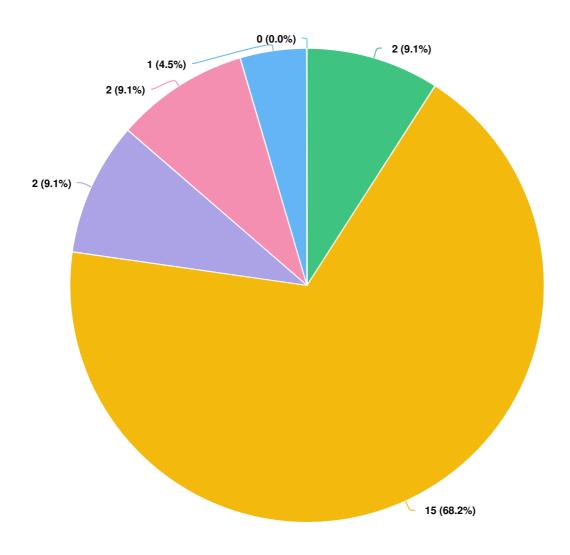
## Q25 Please specify in what other setting you regularly drink alcohol:



I don't drink alcohol. This survey seems to overlook non-drinkers.

Optional question (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

Q26 If you buy alcohol for consumption at home or out with on sales premises where do you buy it from?





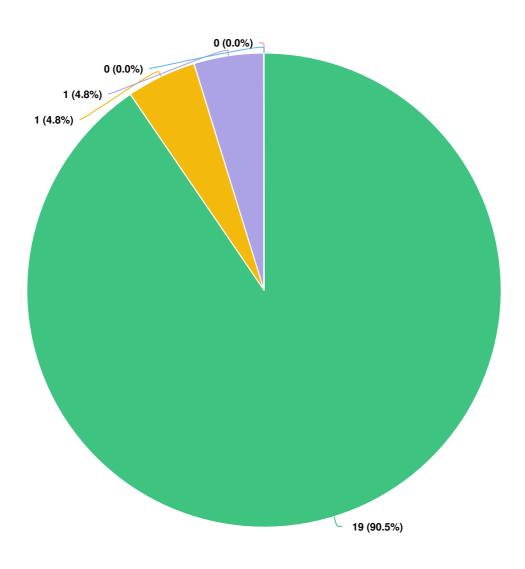
## Q27 Please specify where you buy your alcohol for home consumption:

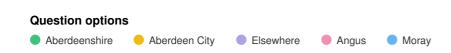


I don't buy it. Again there is no option for non drinkers.

Optional question (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

Q28 If you are an Aberdeenshire resident, do you usually buy your alcohol from off sales premises in





Please provide details of the location / area of the off sale premises which you usually buy your alcohol from:

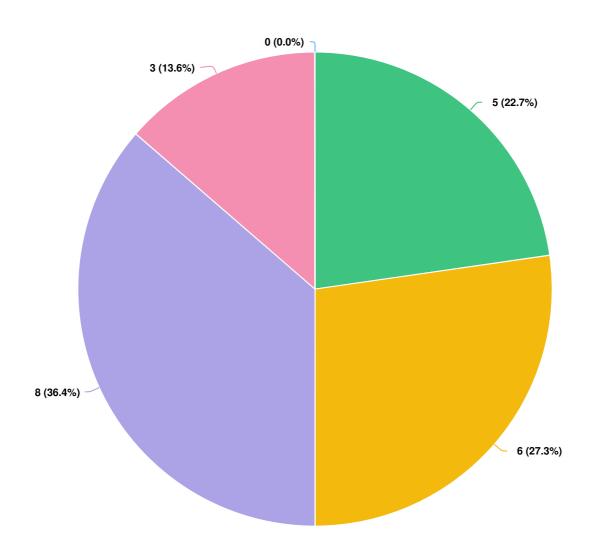


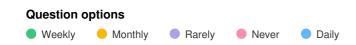
I don't buy it.

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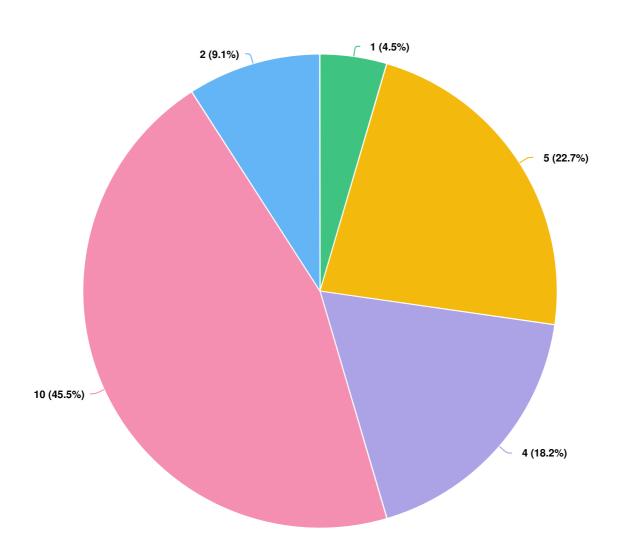
Optional question (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

# Q30 How often do you usually buy alcohol in off sale premises?





# Q31 How often do you usually consume alcohol in on sale premises?





# Q32 How much alcohol do you consume in an average week at home? 5 units 11/02/2022 02:00 PM 3-4 pints of beer, 2-3 glasses of wine and occasionally a couple drams of whisky 11/02/2022 09:46 PM Hardly any 11/02/2022 08:50 PM 2 bottles of beer 11/22/2022 12:10 PM 10 units 11/03/2022 02:50 PM only rarely on special occasions. 11/06/2022 07:36 PM 10 Units 11/08/2022 10:39 AM 2 11/08/2022 08:35 AM 15 units 14 11/08/2022 12:26 PM too much 11/09/2022 10:58 AM About 4 units 11/09/2022 02:47 PM 5 cans of beer 11/09/2022 02:26 PM





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Anonymous 1 unit

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Anonymous 2 units

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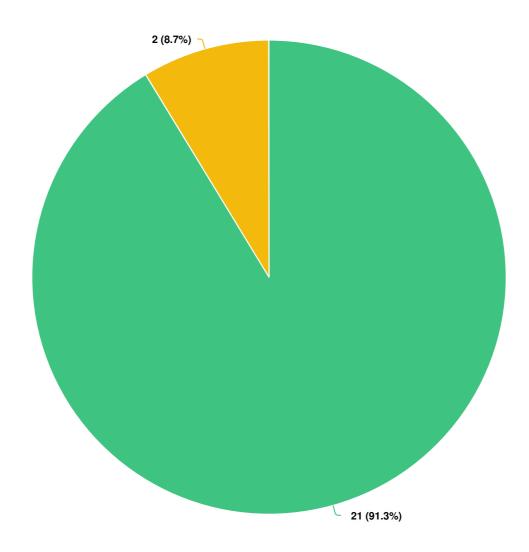
Anonymous Two units

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Optional question (21 response(s), 2 skipped)

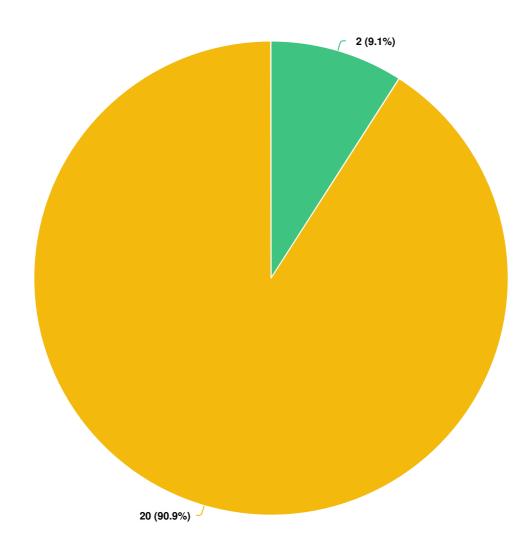
Question type: Single Line Question

Q34 The Board has to determine "localities" that will be considered for overprovision of alcohol. Currently this is done by Council ward area. The Board are considering whether this should be looked at a more focused level, settlement, e.g. Banff, Pet...

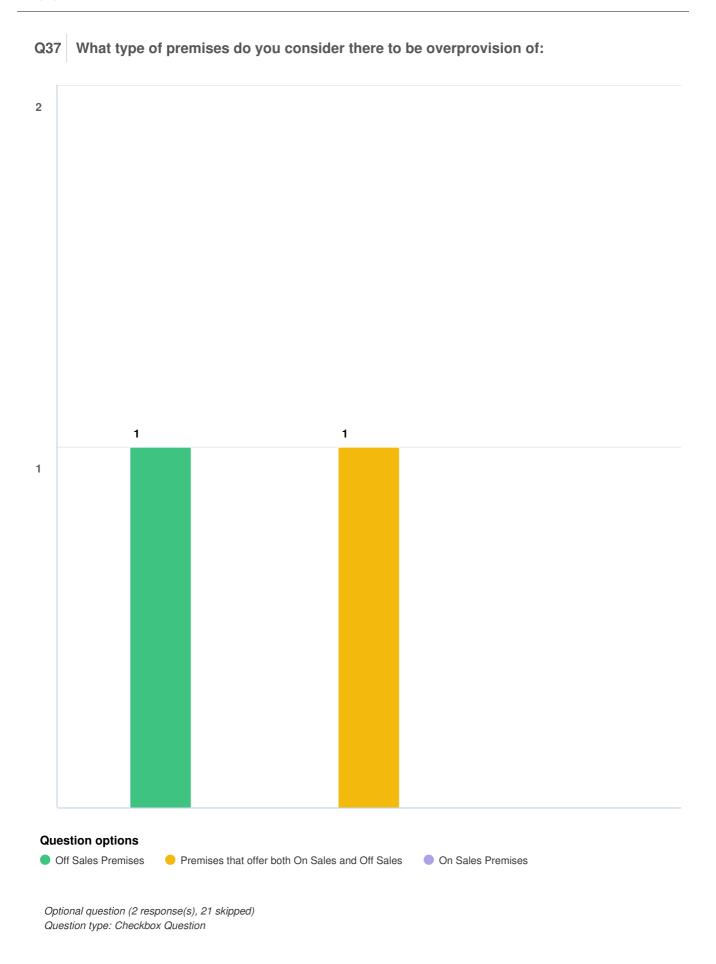




### Q36 Do you consider there to be overprovision in Aberdeenshire?







Q39 Why do you believe there is an overprovision of Off Sales Premises within Aberdeenshire and what harm do you consider to be associated with this:



There's an overprovision in that most corner shops/small retailers sell alcohol which youngsters see most days and is advertising alcohol as being a good thing. The sale of alcohol should be banned at petrol stations, what are the police/council saying to drivers? Drink and drive !!!!!!

Optional question (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

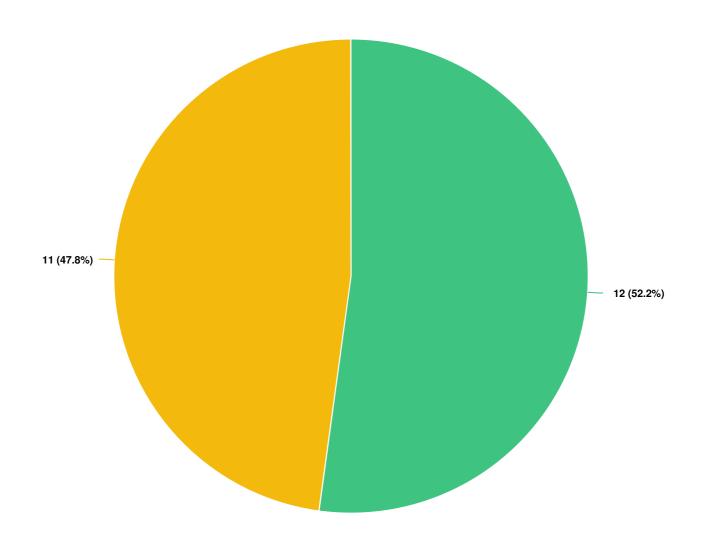
Q40 Why do you believe there is an overprovision of Premises offering both On Sales and Off Sales within Aberdeenshire and what harm do you consider to be associated with this:



Every local shop seems to sell alcohol when there is no need as most villages / towns have a pub and at a cheaper price. This is used at home bars which are not legislated.

**Optional question** (1 response(s), 22 skipped)

## Q41 Did your drinking habits change as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic?





#### Q42 Please explain how your drinking habits changed as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic:

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

There has been an adverse effect on socialising placed by the covid pandemic, this has particularly hard effected local pubs which can play a key component in a local community. I feel the licensing authorities must better support local pubs to play their part in communities,

11/02/2022 08:50 PM

Drank more at home

Increased drinking at home

11/02/2022 02:50 PM

Previously I was able to visit beer gardens and have a sociable few, but as they are very confusing and closed after covid this is no longer possible.



Lots set up home bars, breweries sell and deliver to members of the public direct. People now gather in home bars which are unregulated. Bars now have no real knowledge as to how many drinks they have consumed prior to visiting the bar.



More drinking at home



Because of COVID bought alcohol in supermarkets. This has still affected me today and i tend to drink at home with family and friends



stopped going out for a drink now limit the places i go to to places with less people in them



Yes of course, hospitality was shut down

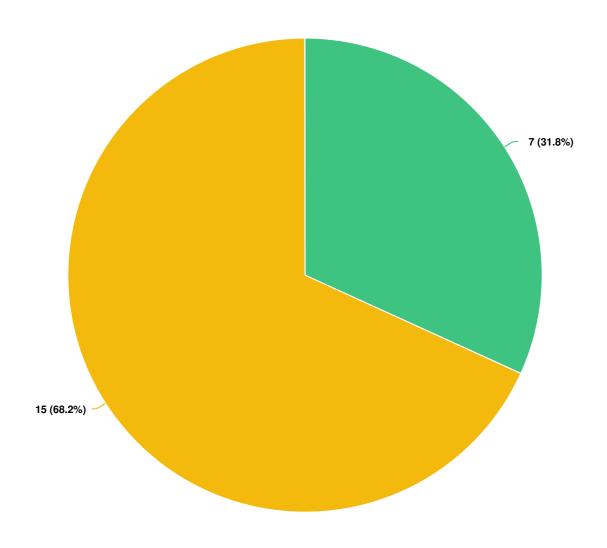
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Drinking at home

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Optional question (10 response(s), 13 skipped)

Q43 Have your drinking habits reverted to how you would purchase and consume alcohol before COVID?





#### Q44 Why do you think you have reverted back to previous habits?

No be honest, COVID didn't change my drinking habits.

11/22/2022 12:10 PM

My habits did not change during Covid.

11/08/2022 10:39 AM

as a natural progression

11/08/2022 12:26 PM

Eating out, meeting friends

11/11/2022 10:04 AM

As i don't drink much it was never an issue

11/11/2022 11:39 AM

Anonymous because the freedom now exists to

12/09/2022 06:30 PM

Anonymous all open and available

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

Optional question (7 response(s), 16 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

#### Q45 Why do you think you have not reverted back to previous habits?

Because people have changed how they soicalise and this has affected the local amunittes. It's such places as banchory are

considered to have an over provision of license then the development and. Planners need to look beyond houses and what there is in the

communities for people

There is less provision for local pubs with many businesses going out

of business during the pandemic.

There isn't really anywhere to go. It's not the same now

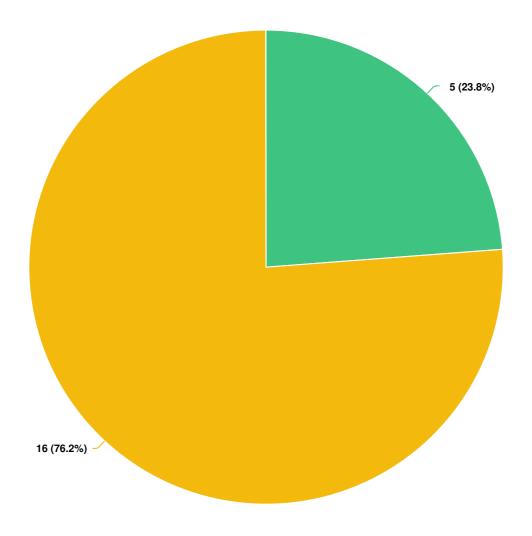
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11/03/2022 02:50 PM	For some reason the beer gardens now close at 11
11/06/2022 07:36 PM	didn't have a habit.
11/08/2022 09:04 AM	Habits have not changed but this is not an option on this form
11/09/2022 10:58 AM	It suits me to buy online and have a glass of wine at home
11/09/2022 02:47 PM	Cheaper and still not comfortable with large crowds of people
11/09/2022 02:26 PM	i limit the places i go to and the times to ensure not crowded
11/15/2022 11:41 AM	I didn't drink alcohol in the first place
Anonymous 1/08/2023 01:08 PM	I am not a big drinker of alcohol
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Optional question (11 response(s), 12 skipped)

Q46 Is there data/statistical information that you think the Board should consider in determining whether there is overprovision in Aberdeenshire in addition to the data the Board requires to obtain?





Q47 Please provide details of the data/statistical information which you think the Board should consider when it comes to determining overprovision in Aberdeenshire:



Have a look in the towns and see what happens at night first hand. People going out to eat. Drinking. Socialising. Look how no one goes out in places like banchroy and Aboyne at night during in the week because there is no licenses for new restaurants to obtain because of the apparrent over supply, to which there is no place to get said supply.



The board of directors should consider the number of local pubs that have gone out of business or are struggling to continue through the cost of living issues of the moment.



How many home bars there are ensure they follow same rules or push for these to be legislated. These are organised social gatherings that would normally be in a controlled environment as a licensed premise. Supermarkets should be controlled on their cheap alcohol and small shops should be reviewed. Look at the North America where alcohol is not available in stores. You need to go to a registered alcohol store to purchase.



You should be looking at visit aberdeen stats, as its not only local people using places to eat & Drink and there is too many places in aberdeen city failing but yet a shortage in the local shire

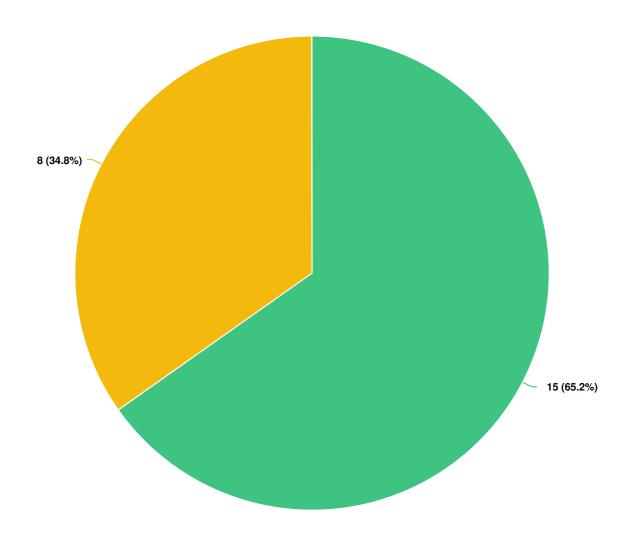
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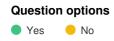
Supermarket cheap alcohol

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Optional question (5 response(s), 18 skipped)

Q48 Do you have views on how the current energy cost crisis/cost of living crisis might impact on Aberdeenshire in respect of availability of licensed premises?





Q49 Please provide us with your views on how the current energy cost crisis / cost of living crisis might impact on the availability of licensed premises within Aberdeenshire:

11/02/2022 02:00 PM	Because it's hard to get people in or out in town centres when there is nothing to come out for because someone things theee is an overpervsion
11/02/2022 09:46 PM	Many of us have less availability spare cash, and publicans naturally need to pass on increased overheads and product price rises. So have concerns on the viability of licensed businesses.
11/22/2022 12:10 PM	There is an obvious decrease in the amount of people attending licenced premises due to economic constraints. People will go out less and source their alcohol from the cheapest outlets, i.e., supermarkets and home delivery. More pubs will close as a result. I do not think there will be an overprovision issue in the on sales trade.
11/08/2022 10:39 AM	It is not sustainable and many places will have no option to close.
11/08/2022 08:35 AM	Its killing business
11/08/2022 09:04 AM	Places will be forced to close as they will become uneconomic
11/08/2022 12:26 PM	they will become harder to sustain and remain open
11/09/2022 10:58 AM	People will have less money to spend in pubs/clubs/restaurant and will go out less
11/09/2022 02:47 PM	Hotels etc. will struggle to afford the energy costs
11/09/2022 02:26 PM	a large number of places are in danger of closing due to very high energy costs.

11/11/2022 10:04 AM

Many smaller business may close as a result of the rising costs. then overprovision will no longer be an issue if there is one

11/15/2022 11:41 AM

Energy costs combined with increased retail prices will affect licensed premises in Aberdeenshire.

Anonymous

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Utility overheads, less disposable income

Anonymous

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I think people will likely used pubs less, and stay home to save

money

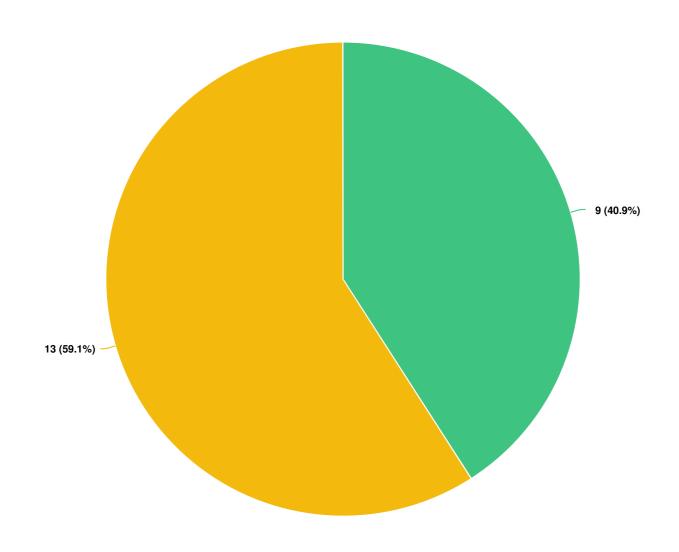
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Feedback from the trade - e.g. electricity going from 17p to 60p per unit. They will no longer be able to heat the function room and closing lounge to reduce heating and lighting costs. Staffing being reduced in

order to save money.

Optional question (15 response(s), 8 skipped)

Q50 Do you think the current energy cost crisis, cost of living crisis will impact your drinking habits/patterns?



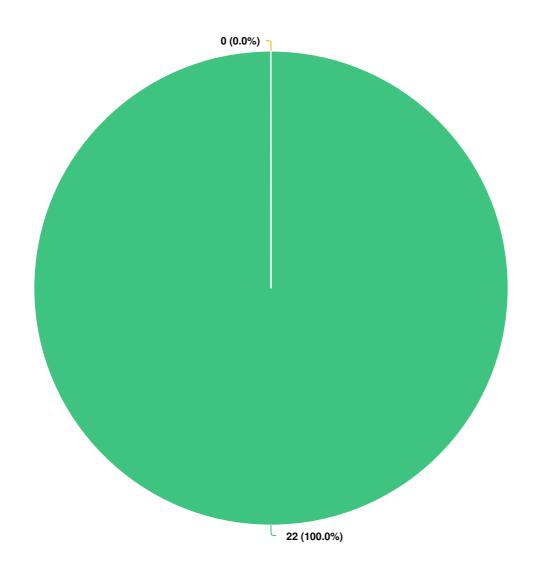


Q51 Please explain how your drinking habits / patterns will be affected by the energy cost crisis / cost of living crisis:

Less available spare funds and increased costs limits the ability to 11/02/2022 09:46 PM support local pubs and more impetus to drink at home. Priority bills will be paid first and I will probably purchase cheap alcohol from Supermarkets. Disposable income will be short 11/08/2022 08:35 AM reduction in consumption if living standards squeezed too much Costs of energy will impact what i can spend in entertainment including alcohol 11/09/2022 02:47 PM If the pup / club closes then there is no place to go so social contact will become limited whichb is bad news We will not have the same money to spend. Less socialising. We are already seeing this. 11/11/2022 10:04 AM We will not have that extra income to go out so much for meal and 11/11/2022 11:39 AM drinks Anonymous Less disposable spend

Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)

Q52 Are you affected by antisocial behaviour or noise from licensed premises where you live?







# What impact do you think the end of aisle promotion policy has had? None. Don't feel there has been any benefit from the policy. 11/02/2022 09:46 PM It reduces impulsive purchases although I have no idea by how much 11/22/2022 12:10 PM No impact. 11/03/2022 02:50 PM Adverse a member of my family and on occasion needed to be followed because of end-of-aisle promos. 11/06/2022 07:36 PM It only has an impact if shops follow it. Many of them do not. 11/08/2022 10:39 AM As a producer end of aisle is where small brands can stand out from 11/08/2022 08:35 AM larger companies. Very little 11/08/2022 09:04 AM none 11/08/2022 12:26 PM None 11/09/2022 10:58 AM Nothing 11/09/2022 02:47 PM Encourage people to buy drink None

11/11/2022 11:39 AM

No effect as if you are going to buy alcohol you will go to alcohol area, i dont believe alcohol is an impulse purchase

11/15/2022 11:41 AM

Most probably it's only affected small business who may depend on that extra sale. The effect on consumers is negligible I believe. An impulse buy does not make anybody an alcoholic any more than an impulse buy of chocolate leads to obesity.

Anonymous

12/06/2022 09:24 PM

Supermarkets undercut licensed premises

Anonymous

12/09/2022 04:18 PM

positive

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None

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None

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Can be difficult for smaller premises to design the store in order not to have alcohol near queues etc.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

nothing

Anonymous

1/08/2023 01:08 PM

Good

Optional question (22 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q55 Do you have any other comments to make in terms of the end of aisle promotion policy?



I think it should be revoked

11/02/2022 02:00 PM

11/02/2022 09:46 PM	Do not feel it is necessary, if someone is going in to buy alcohol, they will wherever it is located, end of isle is generally a smaller frontage so many would likely buy less from an end isle display as there is less choice.
11/22/2022 12:10 PM	My preference would be to prohibit end of aisle or any other drinks promotions.
11/03/2022 02:50 PM	Can you provide the evidence to support this?
11/06/2022 07:36 PM	they are unnecessary. If retailers do that why don't they do the same with cigs and tobacco?? Alcohol ruins a family and rips at the heart of any communication.
11/08/2022 10:39 AM	Alcohol should be the same as cigarettes and hidden from view or a controlled separate area that children are unable to enter.
11/08/2022 09:04 AM	No
11/09/2022 02:47 PM	Not at this time
11/09/2022 02:26 PM	A good way to advertise items and encourage people to buy
11/11/2022 10:04 AM	None
11/11/2022 11:39 AM	no
11/15/2022 11:41 AM	End of aisle promotions should be "in isolation" and not displayed beside snacks, sweets or any other item (especially Childrens).
Anonymous 12/09/2022 06:30 PM	If people want drink they'll buy it, this is over reaching

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Keep policy in place. Previously granted layout plans will not be consistent with this policy but new/variation applications can have

concerns re layout addressed.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

no

Anonymous

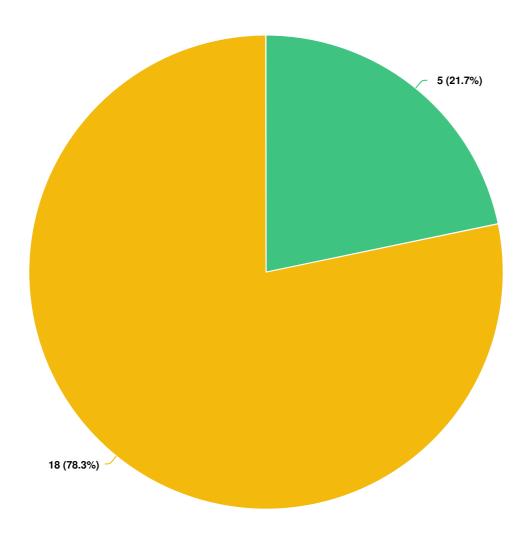
1/08/2023 01:08 PM

I dont think there is a great need for any sort of Alcohol Advertising. Adults will know what they like and where to get it. I think advertising

alcohol can only have a negative effect on the vulnerable.

Optional question (16 response(s), 7 skipped)

Q56 Do you have any comments about what the earliest opening hours should be in Aberdeenshire?





#### Q57 Please provide us with your comments:

I am happy for opening hours to start at 0900 hrs where there is an economic reason for a premises to do so. Distillery tours, Champagne breakfasts etc.

11/09/2022 02:26 PM

depends upon the location but generally should be no earlier than tea time

11/15/2022 11:41 AM

Nightshift workers and other shift workers deserve to be catered for in this flexible working age. Not everybody finishes work at 5pm.

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

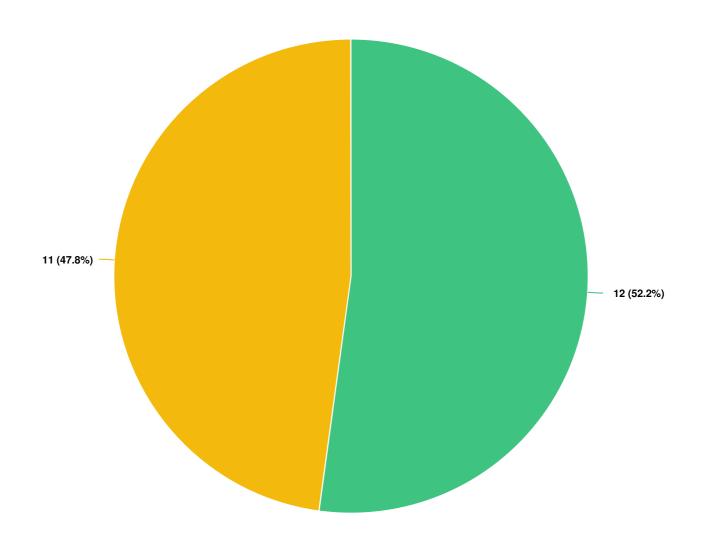
Standardise hours across Aberdeenshire. Consistency and fairness across the whole area. Consider making the same as off sales 10am.

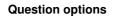
Anonymous 1/08/2023 01:08 PM

I don't see what positives there are for opening a licended premises before 11am

Optional question (5 response(s), 18 skipped)

Q58 Do you think the opening hours should be the same across Aberdeenshire or do you think that there is scope for regional variations:





Opening hours should be the same
 Opening hours should be allowed to differ depending on regional variations

#### Q59 Can you give reasoning for your answer above?

It provides uniformity and is fairer

11/06/2022 07:36 PM

Publicans and venues should be able to open and close at a tie that suits the business.

Its fair and reasonable

11/08/2022 00:04 AM

If there is consistency then people will know the rules.

11/09/2022 02:47 PM

To avoid causing confusion within the region

11/11/2022 10:04 AM

I believe as we all come under one local government we should be the same.

11/11/2022 11·39 AM

I don't see why different areas should be treated differently as all members of the public that go to these establishments

Anonymous

12/09/2022 04:18 PN

fair for everyone

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:30 PM

it will save people from heading to one area where the hours are more favourable, thereby spreading drinking more evenly, not placing some pubs at a disadvantage to others, and reduce temptation to drink and drive

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Consistency and fairness across the whole area. Consider making the same as off sales 10am.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 01:08 PM

Opening hours should be the same across the board but with the ability to be tweaked on a case by case basis based on surroundings etc. Similar premises in similar surroundings but in different areas shouldn't be faced with different opening hours.

Optional question (11 response(s), 12 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

#### Q60 Why do you feel that regional variations should be allowed in terms of opening hours:

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

Licensing should wherever possible be done to suit the local area, some areas may benefit from earlier opening hours when some others could stay the same.

11/02/2022 08:50 PM

We have more visitors to the area and they should be able to buy alcohol

11/03/2022 02:50 PM

Each operating plan is unique

11/08/2022 10:30 AM

Variations on Tourism.

11/08/2022 12:26 PM

regions are best placed to respond to local needs

11/09/2022 10:58 AM

The areas have different demographics, socio-economic variations which need to be reflected

11/09/2022 02:26 PM

yes

11/15/2022 11:41 AM

Farming communities may have different needs from fishing communities.

Anonymous 12/06/2022 09:24 PM Avoid everyone pouring onto streets. Adapt to different markets, visitors, tourists

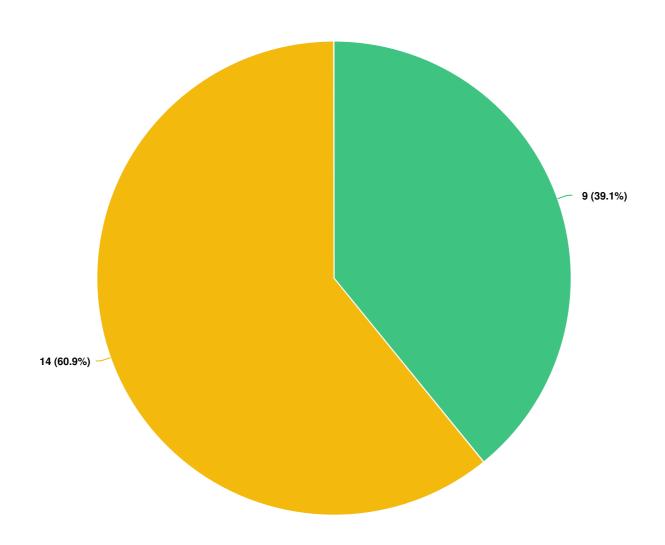
Anonymous

suit local areas / facilities / consumer requirements

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

Optional question (10 response(s), 13 skipped)

Q61 Generally, nightclubs can open til 2am Sundays to Thursdays, and 3am Fridays and Saturdays. Do you have any comments these opening times?





# Q62 Please provide us with your comments in respect of the general closing times for nightclubs:



The opening hours need to be aligned with local amenities.. generally nightclubs will need to have takeaway food establishments and taxi companies able to provide service after closing time. So better locally arranged than a nominal closing time.



Later closing times generally has an adverse impact on the emergency services particularly on staffing resources.



They should be allowed to open later.



Very backwards compared to other regions when clubs can still be open at 5 am.



should close no later than midnight on a Sunday as people have to go to work on Monday

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why is there a need to allow people to drink till that time of the day.

Anonymous 12/06/2022 09:24 PM

2.00 for nightclubs is late enough

Anonymous

2/09/2022 04:46 PM

To late 2 am should be latest

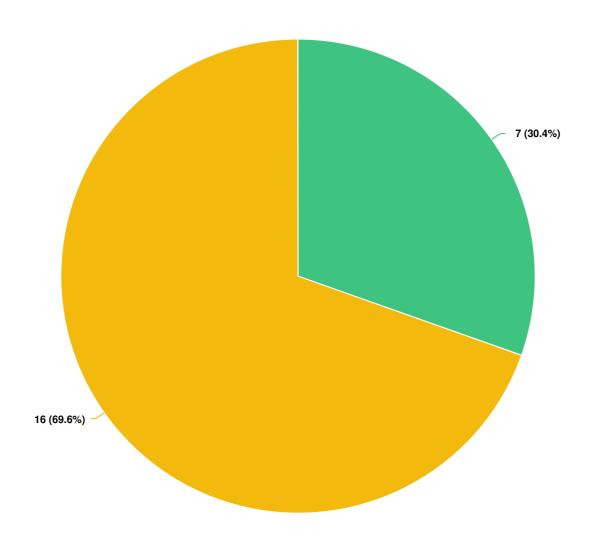


1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Nightclubs are a thing of the past - not opening Sunday-Thursday at all with the exception of key festive dates. Some don't open Fridays and still struggle on Saturdays. Late night premises in operation where no entertainment etc is required.

Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)

Q63 Generally, most premises can open til 1am daily. Do you have any comments to make on the general closing times?





#### Please provide us with your comments on the general closing times for other premises:

1 am seems a good hour for most circumstances. The option to extend for live music or cultural activities should be encouraged.

They should be allowed to open later.

They should open and close when they want.

11/06/2022 07:36 PM

I think general bars with no food or live entertainment should close at

11.

1am is far too late during the week

Anonymous 12.00 mid week

12/06/2022 09:24 PM

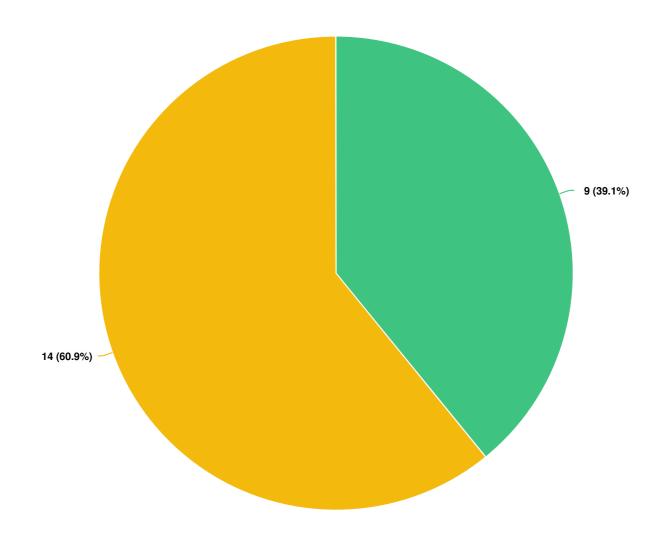
11/09/2022 02:26 PM

Anonymous 1am is too late for weekdays. Only Friday and Saturday should be

1/08/2023 01:08 PM 1am

Optional question (7 response(s), 16 skipped)

Q65 Do you think that there should be a different closing time if there is a private function happening on the premises? In the North, premises with a private function can open til 1.30am but not in South or Central areas.





#### Q66 Please explain your reasoning.

14/00/0000 00-4C DN

Extended opening for private functions should be encouraged. When guests are all there for an event, there is a better atmosphere than a standard open public evening.

11/03/2022 02:50 PM

This should be allowed, a function or event

11/08/2022 08:35 AM

Its a paid hired space and often the people having the party its a rare occasion and want to enjoy the full evening

11/09/2022 02:26 PM

a private function is more controlled with known people so should be able to stay open until say 1.30am if required

Anonymous 12/09/2022 06:30 PM keeps large groups from spilling out at the same time, using all the taxis etc.

Anonymous

easier controlled

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

Optional question (6 response(s), 17 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

#### Q67 Why should there not be a difference?

11/22/2022 12:10 PM

It provides uniformity and is fairer. 0100 hours for everywhere would be better.

11/06/2022 07:36 PM

Close when they want.

11/08/2022 10:39 AM

We find that most people leave before the end of the private function anyway.

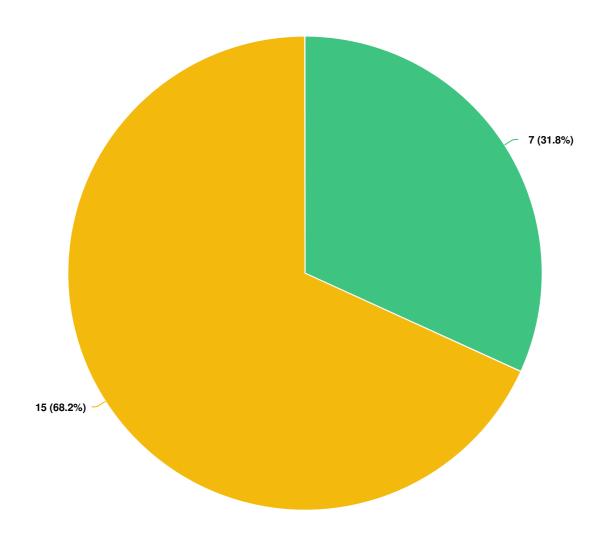
11/08/2022 09:04 AN

Again to give consistency across Aberdeenshire.

11/08/2022 12:26 PM	I see no need as to why private functions should be treated differently
11/09/2022 10:58 AM	I don't think private functions should be treated any differently from those open to the public
11/09/2022 02:47 PM	Again i feel we will cause confusion and sometimes give conflicting messages
11/11/2022 10:04 AM	Again, why the need to drink past this time.
11/11/2022 11:39 AM	Everywhere should be the same to save confusion as you might travel to an event in that area
11/15/2022 11:41 AM	Because there is no difference in activity. It's still people drinking at a bar.
1/04/2023 05:14 PM	Premises are not using 1.30am as it is. Require to comply with local late night conditions.
<b>Anonymous</b> 1/08/2023 01:08 PM	Opening hours for private functions should be the same across the board.

Optional question (12 response(s), 11 skipped)

Q68 In the North, nightclubs are allowed to open for an additional hour during the festive season. This is not the case in Central and South Aberdeenshire. Do you have any comments on the festive hours for nightclubs?





#### Q69 Please provide us with your comments in respect of the festive hours for nightclubs:

Mark it universal. All the same

11/02/2022 00:46 PM

Often the main social event for many businesses, often followed by a Christmas meal which can extend the evening and line the stomach so extended hours make sense.

11/22/2022 12:10 PM

Remove the extra hour in the North to bring it in line with Central and South.



They should be the same throughout Aberdeenshire.



should be the same all over Scotland



3 am sufficient - Align hours across the whole of Aberdeenshire - recommend no additional hours available. Putting increased pressure on emergency services, taxis etc. Availability of taxis across the Shire for evenings and late night hours has become more and more difficult. Premises having to put vulnerability policies in place but are getting stuck with customers unable to get home at the end of the night. Inconsistent with licensing objectives. Christmas events often start earlier in the day or pre loading at home and additional hour(s) is increasing risk of drunkeness, violence etc.

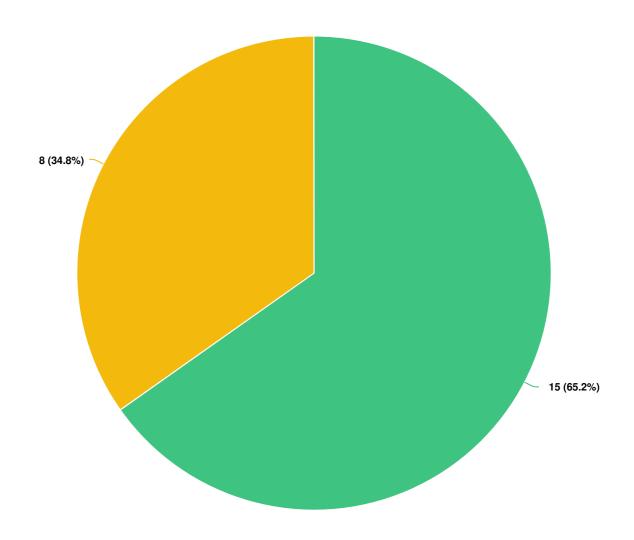
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Opening hours for nightclubs should be the same across the board but conditions should be made for premisis within a specified distance of high residential areas.

**Optional question** (7 response(s), 16 skipped) **Question type:** Essay Question

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Q70 Do you think that the festive hours across Aberdeenshire for nightclubs should be the same or do you think that there is room for regional variation?



#### **Question options**

The hours should be the same across Aberdeenshire

The hours should be allowed to differ based on regional variations

### Can you explain your thinking on your answer above?

It provides uniformity and is fairer.

11/06/2022 07:36 PM

Aberdeenshire council are way way too controlling let the owners

decide.

Its fair

To give consistency

The festive season is same across Aberdeenshire

11/09/2022 02:47 PM

I feel that all clubs should be open for the same period of time to allow all clubs the chance to make the same profits within same opening times

11/09/2022 02:26 PM

have a standard system

One local government one rule for all



A nightclub is a specific venue attracting a specific crowd at a specific time. I don't see the need for regional variations.

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:30 PM

As above, level the playing field



1/04/2023 05:14 PM

3am is sufficient - Align hours across the whole of Aberdeenshire recommend no additional hours available. Putting increased pressure on emergency services, taxis etc. Availability of taxis across the Shire for evenings and late night hours has become more and more difficult. Premises having to put vulnerability policies in place but are getting stuck with customers unable to get home at the end of the night.

Inconsistent with licensing objectives. Christmas events often start earlier in the day or pre loading at home and additional hour(s) is increasing risk of drunkeness, violence etc.

Anonymous

1/08/2023 01:08 PM

Festive Hours should be treated differently to usual times and allownces be made for the time of the year but the same across the board.

Optional question (12 response(s), 11 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q72 Why do you feel that regional variations should be allowed when it comes to the festive hours for nightclubs?

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

Hours should meet the needs of the local area.

It depends on your market, busier areas are more suited to allow longer hours.

11/09/2022 10:20 AM

It allows transport to vary also rather than everyone leaving at the same time.

11/09/2022 12:26 PM

regions are best placed to respond to local needs

11/11/2022 11:39 AM

It would depend on the size of the town and how busy the venue was going to be

Anonymous

12/06/2022 09:24 PM

Different need

Anonymous 1/05/2023 03:31 PM

suit local areas / facilities / consumer requirements

Optional question (7 response(s), 16 skipped)

Q73 If the Board decided to make the festive hours for nightclubs the same across the whole of Aberdeenshire, what do you think the closing time should be?



11/11/2022 11:39 AM

1am

11/15/2022 11:41 AM

3am

Anonymous

2.00

12/06/2022 09:24 PM

Anonymous

2.00am

12/09/2022 04:18 PM

Anonymous

12/09/2022 04:46 PM

2am

Anonymous

12/09/2022 06:30 PM

whatever is later

03:00 hours

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

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dont know

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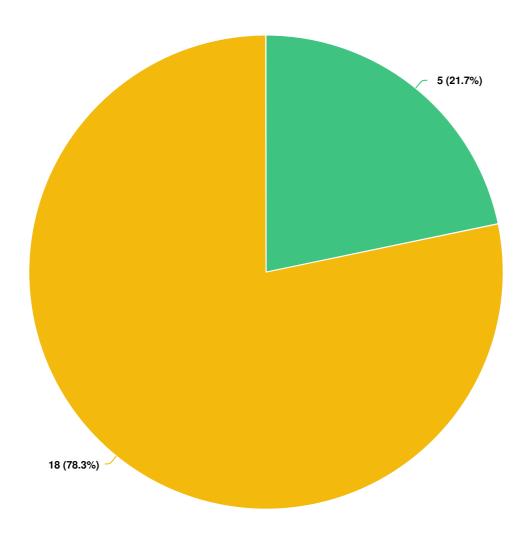
I think there needs to be defined closing time and I dont think 24 hour

1/08/2023 01:08 PM opeing is a good thing.

Optional question (22 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q74 Do you have any comments to make in terms of the festive hours for other types of premises?





# Q75 Please provide us with your comments in respect of the festive hours for other types of premises:



There is less provision of nightclubs in Aberdeenshire, especially in rural communities. Local Pubs and restaurants should be allowed to extend hours providing support it a difficult time for businesses.



It should be the same as the normal closing time, no extensions.



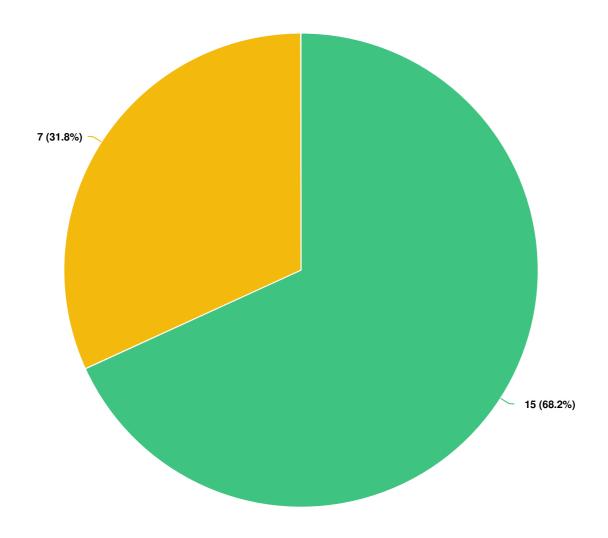
Believe all premises should be allowed same hours for fairness/consistency etc - North hours are most appropriate - 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 1st & De

### Anonymous 1/08/2023 01:08 PM

Standard premises should have an allowance for a later closing time but fully dependant on the location, in a residentail area for example.

Optional question (4 response(s), 19 skipped)

Q76 Do you think that the festive hours across Aberdeenshire for other types of premises should be the same or do you think that there is room for regional variation?



#### **Question options**

The hours should be the same across Aberdeenshire

On the hours should be allowed to differ depending on regional variations

# Please explain why. It provides uniformity and is fairer. Really the premise owners should say when THEY want to open/close. 11/06/2022 07:36 PM Fairness and to try and keep people utilising their local rather than 11/08/2022 10:39 AM travelling to a later pub. To give consistency To be fair to all establishments 11/09/2022 02:47 PM standard system One local government one rule for all Many are off work so I don't see the need for any variation. 11/15/2022 11:41 AM Anonymous level playing field Believe all premises should be allowed same hours for 1/04/2023 05:14 PM fairness/consistency etc - North hours are most appropriate - 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 1st & December 2st & Dece Opening hours should be the same across the board but with the Anonymous ability to be tweaked on a case by case basis based on surroundings

etc. Similar premises in similar surroundings but in different areas

shouldn't be faced with different opening hours.

Optional question (11 response(s), 12 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q78 Why do you feel that regional variations should be allowed when it comes to the festive hours for other types of premises?

Hours should meet the needs of the local area.

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

It should be what owners want and customers expect

11/08/2022 08:35 AM

regions are best placed to respond to local needs

11/08/2022 12:26 PM

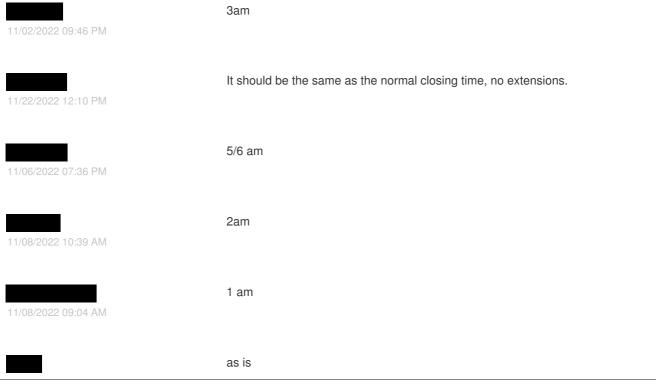
Anonymous
suit local areas / facilities / consumer requirements

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Optional question (4 response(s), 19 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q79 If the Board decided to make the festive hours for other types of premises the same across the whole of Aberdeenshire, what do you think the closing time should be?



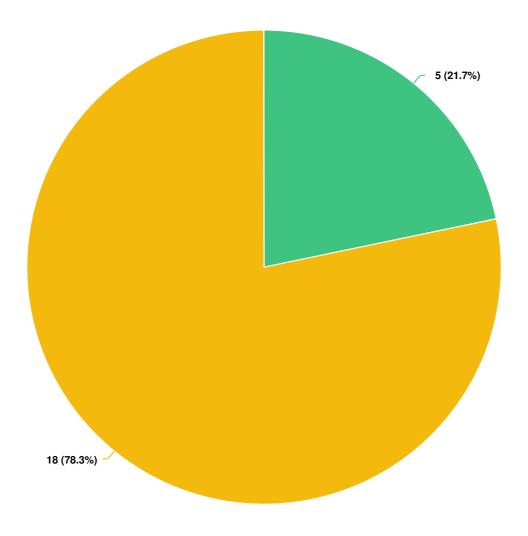
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Midnight 11/09/2022 02:47 PM 1am 11/09/2022 02:26 PM 1am 11/11/2022 10:04 AM 1am 11/11/2022 11:39 AM 1am 11/15/2022 11:41 AM 2.00 Anonymous 12/06/2022 09:24 PM Anonymous 2am 12/09/2022 04:46 PM Anonymous 2am 12/09/2022 06:30 PM 1.30am for all dates. 1/04/2023 05:14 PM Anonymous dont know 1/05/2023 03:31 PM Anonymous 2am 1/08/2023 01:08 PM

Optional question (17 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q80 In the North, the Festive Season hours are applied only on the 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st days of December and the 1st and 2nd of January each year. This is regardless of which days these dates fall.In Central and South Aberdeenshire the Festive Season...





## Q81 Please provide us with your comments on the festive season dates:

A wider date range could be provided for business to have Christmas socials.

11/08/2022 09:04 AM

There should be consistency throughout Aberdeenshire

11/11/2022 10:04 AM

The Festive Season takes in the whole month of December and first week in January

All premises to have North seasonal dates.

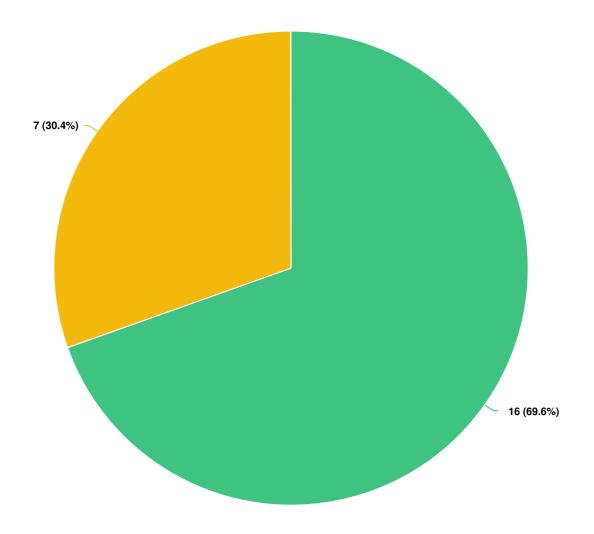
1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Anonymous I think the North dates should be used across the board.

1/08/2023 01:08 PM

Optional question (5 response(s), 18 skipped)

Q82 Do you think that the festive season dates across Aberdeenshire should be the same or do you think there is room for regional variation?



#### **Question options**

The dates should be the same across Aberdeenshire

The dates should be allowed to differ depending on regional variations

# Please explain your reasoning. It provides uniformity and is fairer. The dates and times applied by the board for both festive and all other times should be a matter for the venues and the council should 11/06/2022 07:36 PM butt out. To give consistency see reply to Q41 11/09/2022 10:58 AM To allow all establishments a fiar chance standard over the county One local government one rule for all Unlike Easter the festive dates don't change. Anybody interested in 11/15/2022 11:41 AM these dates shouls already be able to plan ahead. Anonymous level playing field for all

Anonymous

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

I think the North dates should be used across the board. They are the

All premises to have North seasonal dates.

1/08/2023 01:08 PM most sensible hours.

Optional question (11 response(s), 12 skipped)

# Q84 Why do you feel that regional variations should be allowed when it comes the festive dates?

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

Hours should meet the needs of the local area.

Tourism and locality

11/08/2022 10:39 AM

regions are best placed to respond to local needs

11/08/2022 12:26 PM

Anonymous suit local areas / facilities / consumer requirements

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

Optional question (4 response(s), 19 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q85 If the Board decided to make the festive dates the same across the whole of Aberdeenshire, what do you think the dates should be?

20 Dec - 5 Jan fitting Friday - Sunday

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

No issue with either set of dates

11/22/2022 12·10 PM

11/08/2022 10:39 AM

11/08/2022 09:04 AM

The dates and times applied by the board for both festive and all other times should be a matter for the venues and the council should

butt out. How backward are the council ???

Christmas Eve and Hogmany only

24, 25, 26 and 31 December and 1 and 2 January

As described for Central and South

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24th of December to 2nd of January Inclusive

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The same for everyone covering the festive period

No change

Anonymous 2am

12/09/2022 04:46 PM

Anonymous 23rd, 24th 25th 31st Dec. & Dec. & amp; 1st and 2nd Jan

12/09/2022 06:30 PM

24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 1st & December 2st & December 2st

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Anonymous dont know

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

Anonymous 1/08/2023 01:08 PM 11am to 2am

Optional question (15 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

#### Q86 What impact do you think this would have on the trade?

11/02/2022 09:46 PM

In the current climate, it doesn't seem right to place restrictions on the number of social events that voluntary organisations or members clubs can hold, many especially elderly people can have become isolated and would benefit from regular social interaction.

No comment to make

11/22/2022 12:10 PM

11/03/2022 02:50 PM	A positive impact.
11/06/2022 07:36 PM	It should be free for all so to speak a simple registration at a council office with relevant docs should only be the requirement
11/08/2022 10:39 AM	It makes a mockery of the trade as we have to adhere strictly to our premises license and yet occasional holders do notmost of them with no knowledge or training.
11/08/2022 08:35 AM	It would improve growth in areas that need new revenue streams
11/08/2022 09:04 AM	It will be detrimental as less controls will be in place
11/08/2022 12:26 PM	It would allow a more flexible entrepreneurial approach to licensing that would encourage smaller operations to provide services
11/09/2022 10:58 AM	I don't know
11/09/2022 02:47 PM	Nothing
11/09/2022 02:26 PM	Should be able to increase from 12 to cover private functions members clubs may need this to be able to stay in business
11/11/2022 10:04 AM	why are the members clubs being penalised! why when we know every patron enter the door who pay to be a member are we still to be restricted with how may licences we can apply for.
11/15/2022 11:41 AM	Negligible impact.
Anonymous 12/06/2022 09:24 PM	Displacement, not the same risk compared to a publican
Anonymous 12/09/2022 06:30 PM	no comment

1/04/2023 05:14 PM

Depends if the Scottish Government put in any restrictions in place; although we are of the opinion that premises must have Section 50 Certification in place to meet the licensing objectives. Other departments should be involved in the decision process of allowing businesses to operate under the OLs. If the board change policy, what procedures will be put in place to ensure public safety.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

nothing

Anonymous

1/08/2023 01:08 PM

I think this would be beneficial to the Licence Trade.

Optional question (18 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

We are really grateful for the time and effort that you have put into answering our questions. Do you have any other comments about the licensing policy that you want to make, or is there anything that you would want us to explore further in reviewing the policy?



The impact of the covid pandemic have impacted many, with many becoming isolated, not eased by the cost of living crisis. The licensing authority should do all it can to support local pubs, which in turn support local communities.



Police Scotland are in the process of collating statistics around violence, disorder and incidents of concern linked to licenced premises. We are scheduled to receive them from our analyst in early January 2023. I will forward these to you in due course.



That's all from me.



One concern is that we are restricted in our beer gardens and now there is a threat to losing more trade if the hours are decreased but it seems alright for the public to have home bars in their gardens and do what they like and cause disruption to their neighbours. It is not controlled and there is no responsible person to oversee things. In a bar the premises manager ensures the welfare of the customers.



The number of occasional licences could be increased also or making the application for full premises licence easier to navigate as consideration to who is applying and in what location seems to be taken personally by the local authority rather than looking at things on merit



More flexibility regarding the granting of occasional licences and speeding up the process/shortening the timeframe for applications



11/09/2022 10:58 AM

Some of the questions require the option of multiple responses e.g 13 and 14, and some Don't Know e.g Q 21 and 25



11/09/2022 02:47 PM

I feel we need clarification for the whole of Aberdeenshire region so that all establishments know what they can and cannot do to avoid what appears to be a discrimination against certain parts of region



11/09/2022 02:26 PM

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11/11/2022 10:04 AM

Private members clubs and public licences are completely different establishments, the private clubs being the safer option, yet the restrictions are the same if not worse especially with the occasional licensing, this needs to be readdressed.



No

#### Anonymous

Variations, minor and major should be processed and confirmed within 4 weeks. No need to take longer with email.

### Anonymous

1/05/2023 03:31 PM

nothing

Optional question (13 response(s), 10 skipped)