

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY 5 – RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER REGIMES AND TRANSPORT, TOURISM, PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS

Relationship With Other Regimes

- 5.1 The aim of the Board is to serve the licensing needs in Aberdeenshire as quickly and efficiently as possible, striking a balance between the business needs of its customers and the interests of the community as a whole, in order to protect the public and further the licensing objectives. To do this, the Board will:

When deciding on policies, reach out to all parts of society and genuinely reflect their interests.

- 5.2. The Board will achieve this by –

working closely in partnership with local groups and organisations whose remit includes alcohol issues;

Encouraging an open and honest exchange of information in a customer-friendly setting and making decisions in a fair and reasoned manner based around agreed and published policies;

Being fair in all matters and in this context fairness includes having regard to and an interest in equality and diversity in all forms and ensuring that equality considerations are central to all that we do;

Working to promote the licensing objectives in partnership with a wide range of other Public Bodies, including Aberdeenshire Council and its various services, statutory consultees, the industry and the public; and

Striving to reflect the interests of all people from all sections of society in our area.

Carrying out integrated impact assessments where appropriate in relation to applications or reviews

- 5.3. It should be borne in mind that licensing is about regulating the sale of alcohol, and premises on which alcohol is sold, within the terms of the Act. Licensing Boards cannot deal directly with alcohol supplied or consumed outwith licensed premises.
- 5.4. The Board will not, in so far as is possible, duplicate the roles of other regulatory regimes. Statutory Guidance also indicates that planning, building control and licensing regimes will be properly managed to avoid duplication and inefficiency.
- 5.5. **Appendix 1** to the Board’s Policy Statement encourages Applicants to consult with other relevant bodies.
- 5.6. Where other responsible authorities raise matters relating to the licensing objectives then the Board will take those matters into account when reaching a decision. The Board will take particular matters seriously when it comes to active promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 5.8. The Board will work closely with Police Scotland, Licensing Standards Officers, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Council Services for the targeting of agreed problem and high-risk premises. Lower risk premises which are well managed and well-maintained will be subject to less regular inspections.
- 5.9. Listed below are organisations that the Board will consult with on matters relating to licensing, where deemed appropriate to do so. This list is not

exhaustive¹:-

Aberdeenshir e Access Panels	Aberdeenshir e Alcohol and Drug Partnership	Aberdeensh ire Council – Area Managers	Aberdeenshire Community Planning (incl. LOIP)
Aberdeenshire Community Safety Executive	Alcoholics Anonymous	Alcohol Focus Scotland	Building Standards
Business Associations	Community Councils	Community Learning and Development	COSLA

¹ This list will be updated following the consultation exercise

Education, Learning and Leisure Services	Environmental Health	Grampian Racial Equality Council	The Licensing Forum
National Alcohol Liaison Officer	NHS Grampian Public Health Directorate	Planning Services	Pubwatches and Shopwatches
Police Scotland	SOLAR	Scottish Ambulance Service	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Tourism Bodies	Transport Bodies including the Public Transport Unit and Roads	Trading Standards	Various Youth Forums (Incl. Youth Parliament)

and will consider any relevant policies, plans or strategies published by such bodies where relevant to this Policy and the promotion of the five licensing objectives.

5.10. The Board will also have regard to the following:-

Councillor's Code of Conduct
Freedom of Information legislation
Gambling Act 2005
Equalities Legislation
Human Rights Act 1998
GDPR

Transport

- 5.11 Many occurrences of crime, disorder and public nuisance occur at or immediately after the terminal hour for the supply of alcohol. Licence Holders **shall** ensure that they and their staff have sufficient measures in place to ensure patrons exit and leave the vicinity of the premises in good order and as quickly and quietly as possible.
- 5.12 Statutory Guidance requires this Supplementary Policy Statement to identify any arrangements between the LSOs and the Police for reporting views/concerns to the local Transport Committee. The local Transport Committee for Aberdeenshire is the Infrastructure Services Committee. To date, the Board has not been able to identify any such arrangements. Work will continue to try to progress this matter.
- 5.13 The taxi and private hire trade assists the licensed trade in promoting quick and efficient dispersal from licensed premises within our local communities.

The Board is aware that there are operations where a bus is hired to transport patrons around a route of pubs and clubs within Aberdeenshire. The Board expects Licence Holders to ensure that the patrons act responsibly whilst within their premises and should cause no adverse impact on the amenity of the local community. To that end, the Board will produce a guidance leaflet in conjunction with **Local Operators**, Police Scotland and the LSOS which will be accessible on the Boards' website.

Tourism

- 5.14 Statutory Guidance requires this Supplementary Policy Statement to identify **any arrangements to receive, when appropriate, reports on the needs of the local tourist economy for the area.** To date, there are no such arrangements in place.
- 5.15 Aberdeenshire has tourist attractions in the form of natural tourism, industrial tourism, golfing tourism, whisky tourism, event tourism along with tourists interested in our heritage, in particular with our connection to royalty
- 5.16 The Board will engage and work with the Economic Development service of Aberdeenshire Council to signpost to the trade the advice and services that are available to assist in improving the tourism offering in Aberdeenshire.