

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Review of Licensing Policy Statement 2022 - 2027

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1. Overview

This document has been generated from information entered into the Integrated Impact Assessment system.

Statutory review of Licensing Policy Statement and Overprovision Policy Statement required in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 to be completed within 18 Months of the local Government elections on 5th May 2022

During screening 6 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 4 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing
- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty
- Health Inequalities
- Town Centres First

In total there are 16 positive impacts as part of this activity. There is 1 negative impact, the impact has been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 8 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by **NOT YET APPROVED.**

The remainder of this document sets out the details of all completed impact assessments.

2. Screening

Could your activity / proposal / policy cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres?	Yes
Would this activity / proposal / policy have consequences for the health and wellbeing of the population in the affected communities?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e) in the Council or community and / or the procurement, use or disposal of physical resources?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the resilience to extreme weather events and/or a changing climate of Aberdeenshire Council or community?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	Yes
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy impact on inequality of outcome?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's rights?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	Yes

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	All Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated
Climate Change and Sustainability	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	All Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated
Health Inequalities	Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated
Town Centre's First	No Negative Impacts Identified

4. Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

4.1. Wellbeing Indicators

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Safe	Yes			
Healthy	Yes		Yes	
Achieving		Yes		
Nurtured		Yes		
Active		Yes		
Respected		Yes		
Responsible		Yes		
Included	Yes			

4.2. Rights Indicators

UNCRC Indicators upheld by this activity / proposal / policy	Article 19 - Protection from all forms of violence Article 24 - Health and health services Article 31 - Leisure, play and culture
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4.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Healthy	<p>5 licensing objectives underpin the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. 2 of these are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - securing public safety - protecting children and young persons from harm. <p>The purpose of the Statement of Licensing Policy is to demonstrate how the Board will comply with and promote the licensing objectives in relation to how it carries out its functions. Appendix 1 to the main policy statement gives guidance to Licence Holders as to how the Board expects premises to operate in compliance with the licensing objectives to ensure that those premises which permit access for children and young persons operate in a manner whereby persons under 18 are not sold or supplied with alcohol and that sale of alcohol is not a primary focus for events held mainly for children and young persons.</p>

Impact Area	Impact
Included	<p>5 licensing objectives underpin the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. 2 of these are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - securing public safety - protecting children and young persons from harm. <p>The purpose of the Statement of Licensing Policy is to demonstrate how the Board will comply with and promote the licensing objectives in relation to how it carries out its functions. Appendix 1 to the main policy statement gives guidance to Licence Holders as to how the Board expects premises to operate in compliance with the licensing objectives to ensure that those premises which permit access for children and young persons are suitable and safe environments and are family friendly.</p>
Safe	<p>5 licensing objectives underpin the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. 2 of these are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - securing public safety - protecting children and young persons from harm. <p>The purpose of the Statement of Licensing Policy is to demonstrate how the Board will comply with and promote the licensing objectives in relation to how it carries out its functions. Appendix 1 to the main policy statement gives guidance to Licence Holders as to how the Board expects premises to operate in compliance with the licensing objectives to ensure that those premises which permit access for children and young persons are suitable and safe environments and are family friendly.</p>

4.4. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation						
Healthy	<p>There is little information available in respect of the impact of alcohol on children within Aberdeenshire and their drinking habits.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Can be mitigated</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mitigation</td> <td>Seek further evidence during the consultation exercise on the draft Policy Statement and views on whether the measures the Board has identified are appropriate and meet the requirements of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and demonstrate compliance with and promotion of the 5 licensing objectives</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Timescale</td> <td>10th July - 1st September 2023</td> </tr> </table>	Can be mitigated	Yes	Mitigation	Seek further evidence during the consultation exercise on the draft Policy Statement and views on whether the measures the Board has identified are appropriate and meet the requirements of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and demonstrate compliance with and promotion of the 5 licensing objectives	Timescale	10th July - 1st September 2023
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Mitigation	Seek further evidence during the consultation exercise on the draft Policy Statement and views on whether the measures the Board has identified are appropriate and meet the requirements of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and demonstrate compliance with and promotion of the 5 licensing objectives						
Timescale	10th July - 1st September 2023						

4.5. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
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External Data	Scottish Government Guidance for Licensing Authorities	This document gives Guidance to Boards on how they should comply with their legal requirements under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 including Guidance on how to prepare and publish Statements of Licensing Policy and how to determine licence applications or consider complaints or requests to review licences.	This document supports Boards to comply with their legal duties complying with their duties under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and how they demonstrate compliance with and promotion of the 5 licensing objectives.
External Data	The Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey 2018 (SALSUS)	42% of 13 year olds and 77% of 15 year olds had had an alcoholic drink in Aberdeenshire.	Evidence that young persons in Aberdeenshire are accessing alcohol. The Board are using this evidence to shape their revised Policy Statement in relation to the licensing objectives and in respect of the consideration of overprovision in Aberdeenshire.
External Data	The Scottish Government Children's Social Work Statistics for 2020/21	parental drinking is a concern identified for 24% of children on the child protection register in Scotland.	The Board are using this evidence to shape their revised Policy Statement in relation to the licensing objectives.
External Data	MESAS 2022 Report also containing Data From SALSUS	Across Scotland there has been an increase in the number of 13 year olds (+8%) and 15 year olds (+5%) who had tried alcohol in 2017 when compared to the figures for 2015 and those who had drunk alcohol in the last week had also increased (13 year olds by 2% and 15 year olds by 3%). These figures are however substantially lower on the levels from 2002	The Board are using this evidence to shape their revised Policy Statement in relation to the licensing objectives.
External Data	Studies by the World Health Organisation and led by the University of St. Andrews 2018	Scotland's teenagers are consuming far less alcohol than in previous generations. This study was published by the BBC on 25th September 2018	The Board are using this evidence to shape their revised Policy Statement in relation to the licensing objectives

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External Consultation	Engagement Exercise conducted with consultees, the Licensed Trade and the Public on the Main issues identified by the Board	https://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=516&meetid=20486 (Item 13, Appendix 1)	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
Other Evidence	Evidence considered in determining whether or not localities are overprovided in Aberdeenshire	Sets out the evidence and how the Board has scored the evidence in relation to drafting its Overprovision Policy to be published alongside the consultation on the draft policy statement	Provides the justification for stipulating that localities are overprovided, require a watching brief or are not overprovided with Aberdeenshire

4.6. Information Gaps

little information available in respect of the impact of alcohol on children within Aberdeenshire and their drinking habits

4.7. Measures to fill Information Gaps

Measure	Timescale
Seek further evidence from consultees and from children and young people as part of the consultation exercise on the draft policy statement	10th July - 1st September 2023

4.8. Accounting for the Views of Children and Young People

To be updated following the consultation exercise

4.9. Promoting the Wellbeing of Children and Young People

To be updated following the consultation exercise

4.10. Upholding Children and Young People's Rights

By ensuring that the Board fulfils its statutory duties and complies with and promotes the 5 licensing objectives, especially protecting children and young persons from harm, the Board's activities upholds the rights of children and young persons

4.11. Overall Outcome

All Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

This is based on the evidence the Board has collated to date and will be updated following the consultation on the draft policy statement.

5. Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty Impact Assessment

5.1. Protected Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Age (Younger)	Yes			
Age (Older)		Yes		
Disability	Yes			
Race		Yes		
Religion or Belief		Yes		
Sex		Yes		
Pregnancy and Maternity		Yes		
Sexual Orientation		Yes		
Gender Reassignment		Yes		
Marriage or Civil Partnership		Yes		

5.2. Socio-economic Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Low income	Yes			
Low wealth	Yes			
Material deprivation	Yes			
Area deprivation	Yes			
Socioeconomic background	Yes			

5.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Age (Younger)	<p>The provisions set out within the policy are designed to ensure that the Licensing Board promotes and complies with the 5 licensing objectives and sets out their expectations on how Licence Holders demonstrate compliance with the licensing objectives.</p> <p>1 of the objectives is the protection of children and young persons from harm in relation to the sale of alcohol. Appendix 1 to the Main Policy Statement offers guidance to Licence Holders on actions that can be taken to demonstrate compliance with each of the 5 licensing objectives.</p>
Disability	<p>The Policy Statement includes advice on the legal requirement for applicants applying for premises/provisional premises licences to submit a disabled Access and Facilities Statement as part of their licence application.</p>

Impact Area	Impact
Area deprivation	Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to localities where there is evidence of the impact of area deprivation in determining whether any locality in Aberdeenshire is overprovided with licensed premises.
Low income	Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to localities where there is evidence of the impact of low income in determining whether any locality in Aberdeenshire is overprovided with licensed premises.
Low wealth	Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to localities where there is evidence of the impact of low wealth in determining whether any locality in Aberdeenshire is overprovided with licensed premises.
Material deprivation	Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to localities where there is evidence of the impact of material deprivation in determining whether any locality in Aberdeenshire is overprovided with licensed premises.
Socioeconomic background	Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to localities where there is evidence of socioeconomic impact in determining whether any locality in Aberdeenshire is overprovided with licensed premises.

5.4. Evidence

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External Data	Scottish Government Guidance to Licensing Authorities	This document gives Guidance to Boards on how they should comply with their legal requirements under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 including Guidance on how to prepare and publish Statements of Licensing Policy and how to determine licence applications or consider complaints or requests to review licences.	This document supports Boards to comply with their legal duties complying with their duties under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and how they demonstrate compliance with and promotion of the 5 licensing objectives.
External Data	Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 (v2)	<p>The Board used this document to assess areas of deprivation in Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>The Board considered Multiple Deprivation, Income Deprivation, Health Deprivation and Deprivation as a result of Crime.</p> <p>The Board considered the evidence in relation to their connection with the licensing objectives.</p>	<p>The information was used to establish localities within Aberdeenshire and assess the risk profile of settlements and to assess the risks in terms of overprovision.</p> <p>The Board found from the data that, despite deprivation being relatively low in Aberdeenshire as a whole, there are settlements which experience deprivation and therefore have a heightened risk relation to the sale and consumption of alcohol. These locations are generally in North Aberdeenshire in towns such as Banff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead.</p>
External Data	Studies conducted by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems Organisation (SHAAP)	The studies show that areas of deprivation have a heightened risk of harm when it comes to the sale and consumption of alcohol when compared to areas which suffer from little or no deprivation (alcohol related deaths are 5.6 x more likely and alcohol related hospitalisations are 8 x more likely).	<p>The information was used to establish localities within Aberdeenshire and assess the risk profile of settlements and to assess the risks in terms of overprovision.</p> <p>The Board found from the data that, despite deprivation being relatively low in Aberdeenshire as a whole, there are settlements which experience deprivation and therefore have a heightened risk relation to the sale and consumption of alcohol. These locations are generally in North Aberdeenshire in towns such as Banff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead.</p>

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	Engagement Exercise conducted with consultees, the Licensed Trade and the Public on the Main issues identified by the Board	https://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=516&meetid=20486 (Item 13, Appendix 1)	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy, including evidence from Public Health, the Alcohol and Drug Partnership and the Health and Social Care Partnership in relation to deprivation which was considered by the Board in determining the overprovision policy

5.5. Information Gaps

There may still be data available which will be relevant in determining overprovision in particular.

5.6. Measures to fill Information Gaps

Measure	Timescale
The Board will ask consultees to identify and provide further data that can be considered prior to finalising the Board Policy Statement in October 2023	10th July - 1st September 2023

5.7. Engagement with affected groups

To be updated following consultation

5.8. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

The Lived Life Experience Forum will be consulted as part of the review process to be undertaken

5.9. Evidence of engagement

To be updated following consultation

5.10. Overall Outcome

All Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Based on the evidence submitted to date, the Board has identified its "localities" for the purpose of overprovision as being settlements within Aberdeenshire. Having analysed the data submitted, the Board has determined that there is no overprovision in relation to on sale premises but that Banff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead are overprovided in relation to off sale premises. Several other settlements will have Watching Brief status with the remaining settlements not being overprovided.

The overprovision policy will be reviewed in light of any evidence collated as a result of the consultation exercise before the Board approves its Final Statement of Licensing Policy, including its Overprovision Policy

5.11. Improving Relations

The Board already takes equalities into account at every Board Meeting.

Integrated Impact Assessments are used in respect of individual applications where matters arise relating to the protected characteristics.

5.12. Opportunities of Equality

To be completed following completion of the consultation exercise

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6. Health Inequalities Impact Assessment

6.1. Health Behaviours

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Healthy eating		Yes		
Exercise and physical activity		Yes		
Substance use – tobacco		Yes		
Substance use – alcohol	Yes			
Substance use – drugs	Yes			
Mental health		Yes		

6.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Substance use – alcohol	<p>Section 4 of the Act sets out 5 licensing objectives in relation to the sale of alcohol under the Act. 1 of these is Protecting and Improving Public Health</p> <p>The provisions set out within the policy are designed to ensure that the Licensing Board promotes and complies with the 5 licensing objectives and sets out their expectations on how Licence Holders demonstrate compliance with the licensing objectives.</p> <p>Appendix 1 to the main policy statement in particular sets out guidance on how licence holders should comply with the 5 licensing objectives. This includes recommendations regarding the use of drug policies within licensed premises and the Board has local conditions to make sure that Licence Holders have policies in place to be able to deal appropriate with persons who are vulnerable through the use of alcohol and/or drugs.</p> <p>The Policy must be evidence based and comply with the statutory provisions set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Statutory Guidance for Licensing Authorities.</p> <p>Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to substance use relating to alcohol, particularly in relation to the impacts caused when considering whether there is overprovision of licensed preises within Aberdeenshire.</p>

Impact Area	Impact
<p>Substance use – drugs</p>	<p>Misuse of Drugs is often connected to use or misuse of alcohol.</p> <p>Section 4 of the Act sets out 5 licensing objectives in relation to the sale of alcohol under the Act. 1 of these is Protecting and Improving Public Health</p> <p>The provisions set out within the policy are designed to ensure that the Licensing Board promotes and complies with the 5 licensing objectives and sets out their expectations on how Licence Holders demonstrate compliance with the licensing objectives.</p> <p>Appendix 1 to the main policy statement in particular sets out guidance on how licence holders should comply with the 5 licensing objectives. This includes recommendations regarding the use of drug policies within licensed premises and the Board has local conditions to make sure that Licence Holders have policies in place to be able to deal appropriate with persons who are vulnerable through the use of alcohol and/or drugs.</p> <p>The Policy must be evidence based and comply with the statutory provisions set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Statutory Guidance for Licensing Authorities.</p> <p>Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area. The Board has taken into account evidence from multiple sources in relation to substance use relating to drugs, particularly in relation to the impacts caused when considering whether there is overprovision of licensed premises within Aberdeenshire.</p>

6.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	Scottish Government Statutory Guidance to Licensing Authorities	This document gives Guidance to Boards on how they should comply with their legal requirements under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 including Guidance on how to prepare and publish Statements of Licensing Policy and how to determine licence applications or consider complaints or requests to review licences.	This document supports Boards to comply with their legal duties in complying with their duties under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and how they demonstrate compliance with and promotion of the 5 licensing objectives.

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005	<p>Section 4 - sets out the Licensing Objectives</p> <p>Section 6 sets out the requirement for each Licensing Board to publish a statement of Policy with respect to the exercise of their functions under the Act within 18 months of each local government election in Scotland</p> <p>Section 7 sets out the duty of each Licensing Board to assess the extent to which it considers there to be overprovision of licensed premises in any locality in the Board Area.</p> <p>Schedule 3 to the Act sets out mandatory conditions which attach to each premises licence granted.</p> <p>Schedule 4 to the Act sets out mandatory conditions which attach to all occasional licences.</p> <p>The Act sets out grounds of refusal within the Act for various licence types, some of which enable the Board to refuse licence applications where there is evidence of failure to comply with or promote any or all of the 5 licensing objectives.</p>	<p>The provisions of the Act are set out to ensure that licences are granted in line with the provisions of the Board's Policy and in compliance with the 5 licensing objectives underpinning the Act to ensure that premises are suitable, safe, family friendly where children and young persons have access and that no children or young persons have access to alcohol or are exposed to any activities related to the sale of alcohol which would be unsuitable for children or young persons and promote responsible sale of alcohol for consumption in an appropriate, supervised environment, where the Licence Holder can be held accountable where there is evidence of failure to comply with the requirements of the Act, or any or all of the licensing objectives.</p>

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	Scottish Health Survey 2019	In Aberdeenshire 1 in 4 men (24%) and 1 in 7 women (13%) drank at a level harmful or hazardous to their health i.e. more than 14 units per week.	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	Public Health Scotland's Monitoring and Evaluating Alcohol Strategy - Monitoring Report 2022 (MESAS 2022)	The majority of alcohol sales in Scotland were through off sales premises (85%)	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	The Scottish Health Survey 2021	Harmful levels of weekly alcohol consumption have declined since 2003 (from 34% to 23% and units down fro 16.10 units to 11.30 units per week	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	Statistics on Alcohol-Related Hospitalisations	The statistics for Aberdeenshire are positive when compared to the national statistics	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	Scottish Ambulance Statistics	5.5% of all call outs in the last year were alcohol-related - a low number	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	Public Health Scotland's Dashboard Information for Aberdeenshire	<p>We considered alcohol-related hospitalisations across a number of different characteristics and found that in terms of position nationally (rank 1 being worst and 32 being best) that for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Acute Admissions: Aberdeenshire is 32nd for Stays, Patients and New Patients when it comes to all alcohol conditions, 29th for Stays, 31st for Patients and 26th for New Patients when it came to admissions for alcohol liver disease, 32nd for Stays, Patients and New Patients when it came to mental and behavioural admissions and 14th for Stays and Patients and 11th for New Patients in terms of admissions based on the toxic effects of alcohol. • Psychiatric Admissions: Aberdeenshire is ranked 28th for Stays, Patients and New Patients. <p>The trends in respect of these over the last ten years was largely positive with all in decline except those in terms of alcohol liver disease which had increased as follows: 32.6% for Stays, 10.6% for Patients and 26.8% for New Patients, all of these though have declined if the statistics over the last five years is considered and the opposite is the case in terms of Toxic Effects of Alcohol which have increased over the last five years: increasing 53.2% for Stays, 45.5% for Patients and 36.6% for New Patients.</p> <p>The figures for alcohol liver disease and toxic effects of alcohol are therefore of most concern.</p>	<p>The figures for alcohol liver disease and toxic effects of alcohol are therefore of most concern.</p> <p>This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy</p>

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	National Registers of Scotland - Alcohol specific mortality rates	Alcohol specific mortality rates have increased when compared to figures from 2000/2004 by around 7% and had doubled since 2011. Aberdeenshire were ranked 31st Nationally in terms of alcohol-related deaths.	Rising statistics are of concern. This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	SIMD 2020(V2)	The Board compared alcohol related hospitalisations across settlements within Aberdeenshire to identify hotspots	Hotspots were found in North Aberdeenshire across Banff, Ellon, Fraserburgh, Inverurie, Peerhead and Macduff. This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	Data on Drug-Related Hospitalisations	The Board found similar trends to Alcohol-related Hospitalisations	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy
External Data	Scottish Government Studies on the effect of Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP)	MUP is having a positive impact in reducing the number of alcohol related deaths and hospitalisations across Scotland	This evidence provided direction on what issues were to be considered and reviewed in preparing the Statement of Licensing Policy

6.4. Information Gaps

There may still be gaps in the data that the Board can use to determine the impact of substance use in relation to alcohol and drugs and how that relates to the Board's Statement of Licensing Policy

6.5. Measures to fill Information Gaps

Measure	Timescale
Review data and evidence gathered as a result of the formal consultation exercise	10th July -1st September 2023

6.6. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 is designed to regulate the sale of alcohol. The duty to assess overprovision allows the Board to co-relate various harms with the sale of alcohol from licensed premises within the area covered by the Board.

The Board does not hold all of the solutions relating to the use of alcohol and drugs but through its policy statement, works in partnership with other agencies to work toward reducing harm from

alcohol and drug misuse in Aberdeenshire

The Board promotes the licensing objectives, including protecting and improving public health by complying with and promoting the objectives through its Statement of Licensing Policy and in its decision making against the legal tests set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

It has a duty to produce an annual Functions Report which evidences how the Board has met its duties under the Act, complied with its policy and the licensing objectives in the work undertaken during each financial year.

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7. Town Centre's First Impact Assessment

7.1. Local Factors

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Town centre assets		Yes		
Footfall		Yes		
Changes to road layouts		Yes		
Parking		Yes		
Infrastructure changes		Yes		
Aesthetics of the town centre		Yes		
Tourism	Yes			
Public safety	Yes			
Town centre business	Yes			
Cultural heritage and identity		Yes		
Social and cultural aspects	Yes			

7.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Public safety	<p>The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 sets out 5 licensing objectives with which the Board must comply and promote. 1 of these is securing Public Safety.</p> <p>The Board's Policy Statement sets out how the Board will comply and promote the objectives and Appendix 1 to the main Policy Statement sets out the Board's expectations of how Licence Holders will demonstrate compliance with the licensing objectives.</p> <p>Licensed premises are located within and are often assets within town centres in Aberdeenshire, the Board works alongside other agencies to ensure that businesses operate within the requirements of their licences and are positive assets within our Town Centres</p>

Impact Area	Impact
Social and cultural aspects	<p>Licensed Premises often form main social and cultural hubs within our town centres, particularly for the purposes of marking important occasions in people's lives or the activities undertaken within the community in our towns.</p> <p>The provisions set out within the policy are designed to ensure that the Licensing Board promotes and complies with the 5 licensing objectives and sets out their expectations on how Licence Holders demonstrate compliance with the licensing objectives.</p> <p>Appendix 1 to the main policy statement in particular sets out guidance on how licence holders should comply with the 5 licensing objectives. This serves to ensure licensed premises continue to fulfil this important role responsibly within our town centres.</p>
Town centre business	<p>Licensed Premises are often important businesses operating within our town centres, particularly for the purposes of marking important occasions in people's lives or the activities undertaken within the community in our towns. The provisions set out within the policy are designed to ensure that the Licensing Board promotes and complies with the 5 licensing objectives and sets out their expectations on how Licence Holders demonstrate compliance with the licensing objectives. Appendix 1 to the main policy statement in particular sets out guidance on how licence holders should comply with the 5 licensing objectives. This serves to ensure licensed premises continue to fulfil this important role responsibly within our town centres.</p>
Tourism	<p>Supplementary Policy Statement 5 sets out how the Board works with Tourism agencies to support the responsible sale of alcohol enhancing the provision of Tourism within Aberdeenshire.</p>

7.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	Statistical evidence on the number of licensed premises and their location within Aberdeenshire	Lists the number, type and location of licensed premises within settlements in Aberdeenshire and the number of licensed premises in relation to the population of those settlements	Demonstrates that licensed premises form an important factor in the life of town centres and communities within Aberdeenshire

7.4. Information Gaps

There may be further evidence to support the important role licensed premises play within town centres in Aberdeenshire

7.5. Measures to fill Information Gaps

Measure	Timescale
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Measure	Timescale
Seek further evidence as part of the formal consultation exercise from consultees	10th July - 1st September 2023

7.6. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

No negative impacts identified as yet. There may be further evidence in relation to anti-social behaviour and public nuisance identified through the consultation exercise and outcomes will be reviewed once consultation has ended

8. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details	
<p>The Licensing Team to conduct formal consultation on the draft Policy Statement once approved by the Aberdeenshire Licensing Board at their meeting on 28th June 2005.</p>	<p>Lead Officer Repeating Activity Planned Start Planned Finish Expected Outcome</p>	<p>Fiona Stewart No Monday July 10, 2023 Tuesday August 01, 2023 In gather further evidence to support the revisals made to the Policy Statement Identify the need for further revisals to be made in light of any evidence gathered To be met within existing budgets</p>
<p>Organise Engagement Sessions between the Board and organisations/consultees as required where evidence ingather demonstrates a need to do so</p>	<p>Lead Officer Repeating Activity Planned Start Planned Finish Expected Outcome</p>	<p>Martin Ingram No Tuesday August 01, 2023 Friday September 15, 2023 To allow the Board to further assess evidence submitted related to the consultation exercise To be met from existing budgets</p>
<p>Arrange Meeting with the Licensed Trade and the Board and partner agencies to discuss the implications of the changes made to the Policy Statement</p>	<p>Lead Officer Repeating Activity Planned Start Planned Finish Expected Outcome</p>	<p>Martin Ingram No Tuesday August 01, 2023 Friday September 15, 2023 To discuss and further assess the views of the Licensed Trade on the revisals to the Policy Statement to be met from existing budgets</p>
<p>Arrange and present a consultation report on the revised Policy Statement to all 6 Area Committees in Aberdeenshire Council</p>	<p>Lead Officer Repeating Activity Planned Start Planned Finish Expected Outcome</p>	<p>Fiona Stewart No Tuesday August 15, 2023 Tuesday September 19, 2023 To include the views of the Area Committees of Aberdeenshire Council for the Board to consider before finalising the statement of Licensing Policy To be met from existing budgets</p>

Planned Action	Details
To update the Licensing Board on the progress of the consultation exercise	Lead Officer Fiona Stewart Repeating Activity No Planned Start Tuesday August 01, 2023 Planned Finish Wednesday August 16, 2023 Expected Outcome To keep the Board informed of progress Resource Implications To be met within existing budgets
Licensing Team to assess the evidence gathered via the consultation process and meet with the Board informally to review the evidence	Lead Officer Fiona Stewart Repeating Activity No Planned Start Monday September 18, 2023 Planned Finish Friday September 29, 2023 Expected Outcome To establish key evidence and whether further changes require to be made to the Policy Statement Resource Implications To be met from existing budgets
Prepare Final Policy Statement for approval by the Board on 25th October 2023 with publication thereof by 1st November 2023	Lead Officer Fiona Stewart Repeating Activity No Planned Start Monday October 02, 2023 Planned Finish Wednesday November 01, 2023 Expected Outcome Policy Statement approved and published by the required deadline of 1st November 2023 Resource Implications To be met within existing budget
IIA to be revised and finalised following close of consultation to include with report to the Board to approve Policy Statement on 26th October 2023	Lead Officer Fiona Stewart Repeating Activity No Planned Start Friday September 15, 2023 Planned Finish Wednesday July 19, 2023 Expected Outcome Finalised Integrated Impact Assessment Resource Implications To be met from existing budget