

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a special meeting in the County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 2nd October 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Craig Mackay (Chair), Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Siobhian Brown, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Ian Fitzsimmons and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Lee Lyons and Bob Pollock.

Attending: M. Douglas, Depute Clerk to the Board; K. Briggs, Depute Clerk to the Board; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

Also Attending: Dr. J. Tomlinson, Interim Director of Public Health (Joint); and A. Stewart, Health Improvement Officer, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

1. Statement of Licensing Policy.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17th September 2018 by the Clerk to the Board advising on the outcome of the consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.

J. Tomlinson and A. Stewart referred to Public Health's response to the consultation; data was issued (tabled) on the number of off-sales premises in South Ayrshire (broken down by ward area and by size of premises) for the Board's consideration; A. Stewart referred to the Policy Statements adopted by other Scottish Licensing Boards and a full discussion took place in relation to these matters.

The Chair thanked J. Tomlinson and A. Stewart for their very helpful presentation to the Board and advised that the Board would now consider all the proposals and matters raised by Public Health. J. Tomlinson and A Stewart then left the meeting at this point.

The Board then considered each of the responses to the consultation and the proposals from Public Health and, having had a full discussion on these proposals,

Decided:

- (1) not to introduce a policy on over provision;
- (2) that work should be carried out with Community Councils to explain the licensing application process;
- (3) that an explanation of the process at the Board meeting should be given to any new applicants/objectors;

- (4) to instruct the Depute Clerk to the Board to include within the Statement of Licensing Policy
 - (i) that the Board would wish to see alcohol in larger shops in the area of the shop furthest from the entrance to ensure that customers did not require to pass the alcohol aisle while shopping for essentials, to eliminate the urge for impulse alcohol buys;
 - (ii) that, in relation to occasional licences at outdoor events where children and young persons were present, the Board would prefer that food and seating should also be provided;
 - (iii) that for occasional licences where young people were attending; there required to be an acceptable environment; and
 - (iv) that amendments already discussed with the Licensing Forum should be incorporated; and
- (5) that once these amendments to the Policy had been made, it should be submitted to a future Board meeting for final approval.

The meeting ended at 3.15 p.m.