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WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD

Meeting of Friday 24th March 2023
at 10.30am by Hybrid Hearing

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WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD

**Minute of Meeting of Friday 16 December 2022
at 10.30am – hybrid meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Giusti - Stranraer and the Rhins
Chrissie Hill - Stranraer and the Rhins
David Inglis - Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

APOLOGIES

Ben Dashper - Stranraer and the Rhins
Katie Hagmann - Mid Galloway and Wigtown West
Jackie McCamon - Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Carolyne Crozier - Police Scotland
Sharon Davidson - Licensing Manager
Julia Farroll - Licensing Standards Officer
Mary Irving - Licensing Standards Officer
Marcus Parham - Solicitor

VLAD VALIENTE
Clerk to the Licensing Board

1. SEDERUNT, APOLOGIES AND CONVENER'S APPROVAL OF MEMBERS' REMOTE PARTICIPATION

3 Members present with 3 apologies submitted and the Chair approved Members' remote participation at the Hearing.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2022

Decision

AGREED

4. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATIONS FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCES AND EXTENDED HOURS (GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY) – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARDS

Decision

NOTED that the following Occasional Licences and Extended Hours had been granted under delegated powers during the period from 27 September 2022 to 7 December 2022:

Occasional Licences : Applied for by a Personal Licence Holder

Total number issued 47

Occasional Licences : Applied for by a Premises Licence Holder

Total number issued 10

Occasional Licences : Applied for by a Voluntary Organisation

Total number issued 7

Extended Hours

Total number issued 3

5. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIATIONS (GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY) – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARDS

Decision

NOTED that the applications in **APPENDIX 1** were granted under delegated powers.

6. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCE (GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY) – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARDS

Decision

NOTED that the applications in **APPENDIX 2** were granted under delegated powers.

7. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATION FOR A PERSONAL LICENCE : APPLICANT DAVID ROSS HENRY – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARDS

Decision

7.1 **NOTED** that Police Scotland had confirmed existence of a relevant offence.

7.2 Having heard from the applicant and Police Scotland **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application

8. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – PAPA RABS LTD, 12A HANOVER SQUARE, STRANRAER – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARDS

Decision

Having heard from the applicant and the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application as detailed in **APPENDIX 3**

9. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 84A - CONDUCT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES - PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Decision

Having heard from the applicant, the Board **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to a future meeting of the Board to allow all Board Members to be present and the Clerk to be in attendance, to ensure a balanced, fair and transparent hearing.

10. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW (SECTION 36) - PREMISES: THE PUB, 3 HANOVER STREET, STRANRAER, DG9 7SB - PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Having heard from the applicant, the Board **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to a future meeting of the Board to allow all Board Members to be present and the Clerk to be in attendance, to ensure a balanced, fair and transparent hearing.

11. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 84A - CONDUCT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES - PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Decision

Having heard from the applicant, the Board **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to a future meeting of the Board to allow all Board Members to be present and the Clerk to be in attendance, to ensure a balanced, fair and transparent hearing.

12. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW (SECTION 36) - PREMISES: THE PUB, 3 HANOVER STREET, STRANRAER, DG9 7SB - PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Having heard from the applicant, the Board **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to a future meeting of the Board to allow all Board Members to be present and the Clerk to be in attendance, to ensure a balanced, fair and transparent hearing.

13. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 9B ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2021/22 – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARD

Decision

APPROVED

14. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 9A ANNUAL FUNCTIONS REPORT 2021/22 – REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARD

Decision

APPROVED

APPENDIX 1

**THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 : SECTION 29
APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCES
GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

<u>Application No. 1 – 35W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Summermist Limited Per Bespoke Hotels 210 Cygnet court Centre Park Warrington WA1 1PP
Name & Address of Premises	Portpatrick Hotel Heugh Road Portpatrick Stranraer DG9 8TQ
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Konrad Parulski
Effective Date of Minor Variation	29 September 2022

<u>Application No. 2 – 140W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Stranraer FC Social Club 9-15 North Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7LD
Name & Address of Premises	Fitba Bar 9/15 North Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7LD
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to David McMillan
Effective Date of Minor Variation	14 October 2022

<u>Application No. 3 – 191W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	David McMillan Anchorlea Leswalt High Road Stranraer DG9 0AN
Name & Address of Premises	Stranraer Football Club Stair Park London Road Stranraer DG9 8BS
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to David McMillan
Effective Date of Minor Variation	24 November 2022

<u>Application No. 4 – 143W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Wigtownshire Rugby Football Club Clubhouse Ladies Walk Stranraer DG9 8BN
Name & Address of Premises	Wigtownshire Rugby Football Club Clubhouse Ladies Walk Stranraer DG9 8BN
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Paul Phillips
Effective Date of Minor Variation	30 November 2022

<u>Application No. 5 – 169W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	K & R McDowall 54 Dalrymple Street Stranraer DG9 7EU
Name & Address of Premises	K & R McDowall 54 Dalrymple Street Stranraer DG9 7EU
Nature of variation	Change of Premises name to 'K & R McDowall' and appointment of Robbie McDowall as Designated Premises Manager
Effective Date of Minor Variation	7 December 2022

<u>Application No. 6 – 39W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	William Purcell Drumlochart Holiday Park Ltd Armillan Castle Holiday Park Ltd Armillan Castle Holiday Park Girvan KA26 0HP
Name & Address of Premises	Aldouran Lounge Drumlochart Caravan Park Leswalt Stranraer DG9 0RN
Nature of variation	Appointment of Robert Stevenson as Designated Premises Manager
Effective Date of Minor Variation	8 December 2022

**THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCES
GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

<u>Application No 1. – Ref 60W – SECTION 33</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Fiona Wood c/o Rankin & Aitken 4/6 South Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7JW
Name & Address of Transferee or Agent	Emma McKeown 25 Agnew Crescent Stranraer DG9 7JZ
Name & Address of Premises	Marine House Hotel 23 Agnew Crescent Stranraer DG9 7JZ
Effective Date of Transfer	7 October 2022

<u>Application No 2. – Ref 13W – SECTION 33</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Robert Wight 6 Eastwood Avenue Stranraer DG9 8DS
Name & Address of Transferee or Agent	Papa Rabs Limited Farries, Kirk & McVean Dumfries Enterprise Park Tinwald Downs Road Heathhall Dumfries DG1 3SJ
Name & Address of Premises	Papa Rabs Ltd 12A Hanover Square Stranraer DG9 7AF
Effective Date of Transfer	30 November 2022

<u>Application No 3. – Ref 192W – SECTION 33</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	James McClurg 31 Church Street Stranraer DG9 7JG
Name & Address of Transferee or Agent	Zuohui Andy Xie 10C Leny Road Callander FK17 8BA
Name & Address of Premises	The Hanover Bar 17-19 Hanover Street Stranraer DG9 7SB
Effective Date of Transfer	30 November 2022

<u>Application No 4. – Ref 169W – SECTION 33</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Brown Brothers Retail Ltd 9 McCormack Gardens Stranraer DG9 7JB
Name & Address of Transferee or Agent	K & R McDowall 54 Dalrymple Street Stranraer DG9 7EU
Name & Address of Premises	Key Store 54 Dalrymple Street Stranraer DG9 7EU
Effective Date of Transfer	1 December 2022

Application for Variation of Premises Licence

<p>Applicant</p>	<p>Robert Wight 6 Eastwood Avenue Stranraer DG9 8DS</p>
<p>Address of Premises</p>	<p>Papa Rabs Ltd 12A Hanover Square Stranraer DG9 7AF</p>
<p>Nature of Variation</p>	<p><u>Operating Plan</u> (Q5a) Add restaurant facilities within core hours (Q5f) Add takeaway/delivery of food/drinks (Q7) Add outdoor drinking area capacity – 40</p> <p><u>Layout Plan</u> Increase outdoor drinking area – capacity 40</p> <p><u>Variation to any other information</u> Alteration to description of premises to: “Premises situated in Hanover Square, Stranraer, which is in the town centre. It is on the ground floor of a terraced building. It is run as a restaurant/public house.”</p>

WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD

**Minute of Meeting of Monday 23 January 2023
at 12.30am – hybrid meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Giusti (Convener)	-	Stranraer and the Rhins
Ben Dashper	-	Stranraer and the Rhins
Chrissie Hill	-	Stranraer and the Rhins
David Inglis	-	Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

APOLOGIES

Katie Hagmann	-	Mid Galloway and Wigtown West
Jackie McCamon	-	Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

IN ATTENDANCE

Julia Farroll	-	Licensing Standards Officer
Inspector Hugh McCombe	-	Police Scotland
Caroline Treanor	-	Solicitor

VLAD VALIENTE
Clerk to the Licensing Board

1. SEDERUNT, APOLOGIES AND CONVENER'S APPROVAL OF MEMBERS' REMOTE PARTICIPATION

4 Members present with 2 apologies submitted and the Chair approved Members' remote participation at the Hearing.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 84A - CONDUCT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES - PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Decision

Having heard from Police Scotland and the licence holder, the Board **AGREED** to take no action.

4. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW (SECTION 36) - PREMISES: THE PUB, 3 HANOVER STREET, STRANRAER, DG9 7SB - PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Decision

Having heard from Police Scotland, the Licensing Standards Officer and the licence holder, the Board **AGREED** that no ground for review was established in terms of Section 36(3) of the Licensing Scotland Act 2005 and agreed to take no action.

5. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 84A - CONDUCT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES - PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Decision

Having heard from Police Scotland and the licence holder and having considered all material before them, the Board **AGREED** to suspend the licence holder's personal licence for a 6 month period in terms of Section 84(7) of the Licensing Scotland Act 2005, as it was satisfied that it was necessary to do so for the purposes of the preventing crime and disorder licensing objective.

6. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW (SECTION 36) - PREMISES: THE PUB, 3 HANOVER STREET, STRANRAER, DG9 7SB - PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER: ROBERT JOHN MCINTYRE

Having heard from Police Scotland, the Licensing Standards Officer and the licence holder, the Board **AGREED** that a ground for review had been established on the basis of any other ground relevant to the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder.

VOTE

6.1 **MOTION** by **ANDREW GIUSTI** seconded by **CHRISSIE HILL** to make an order in terms of Section 39(2)(b) of the Act to vary the current premises licence and attach a condition in pursuance of the preventing crime and disorder licensing objective as follows: 'The premises licence holder must install and have in place in effective working order, a CCTV system covering both the interior and exterior of the premises for a 24 hour rolling period. Said CCTV system must be kept in a proper working order at all times and staff on the premises must be able to operate the system and images should be retained for at least one month and made available to Police Scotland on request'.

6.2 **AMENDMENT** by **DAVID INGLIS** seconded by **BEN DASHPER** in pursuance of the preventing crime and disorder licensing objective, to make an order in terms of Section 39(2)(c) of the Act, to suspend the premises licence for a 2 month period effective from today's date and that the licence be varied adding a condition that a CCTV system be installed.

In a vote taken by roll call, Members voted as follows:-

Motion – 2 votes being: Andrew Giusti and Chrissie Hill

Amendment – 2 votes being: David Inglis and Ben Dashper

There being an equality of votes, the Convener used his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Decision

AGREED to make an order in terms of Section 39(2)(b) of the Act to vary the current premises licence and attach a condition in pursuance of the preventing crime and disorder licensing objective as follows: 'The premises licence holder must install and have in place in effective working order, a CCTV system covering both the interior and exterior of the premises for a 24 hour rolling period. Said CCTV system must be kept in a proper working order at all times and staff on the premises must be able to operate the system and images should be retained for at least one month and made available to Police Scotland on request'.

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARDS
WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD**

**THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 SECTION 56 AND 68
APPLICATIONS FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCES AND EXTENDED HOURS
GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

For the information of the Licensing Board, during the period from 8 December 2022 until 13 March 2023 the following Occasional Licences and Extended Hours were granted:

Occasional Licences : Applied for by a Personal Licence Holder

Total number issued 34

Occasional Licences : Applied for by a Premises Licence Holder

Total number issued 6

Occasional Licences : Applied for by a Voluntary Organisation

Total number issued 11

Extended Hours

Total number issued 1

Aideen Sloan
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Date of Report: 16 March 2023

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARDS
WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD**

**THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 : SECTION 29
APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCES
GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

<u>Application No. 1 – 114W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	The Partnership of David and Sarah Henry The Ruddicot Hotel London Road Stranraer DG9 8AJ
Name & Address of Premises	Ruddicot Hotel London Road Stranraer DG9 8AJ
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to David Henry
Effective Date of Minor Variation	19 December 2022

<u>Application No. 2 – 192W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Zuohui Andy Xie 10C Leny Road Callander FK17 8BA
Name & Address of Premises	China Blue 17-19 Hanover Street Stranraer DG9 7SB
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Yingling Guan and change in premises name from The Hanover Bar to China Blue
Effective Date of Minor Variation	21 December 2022

<u>Application No. 3 – 140W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Stranraer FC Social Club 9-15 North Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7LD
Name & Address of Premises	Fitba Bar 9-15 North Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7LD
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to David McMillan
Effective Date of Minor Variation	5 January 2023

<u>Application No. 4 – 94W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Paul David Phillips 14 Main Street Portpatrick DG9 8JJ
Name & Address of Premises	Downshire Arms Hotel Main Street Portpatrick DG9 8JJ
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Amanda Hill
Effective Date of Minor Variation	5 January 2023

<u>Application No. 5 – 204W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Crafty Scottish Distillers Ltd Crafty Distillery Wigtown Road Newton Stewart DG8 6AS
Name & Address of Premises	Crafty Distillery Wigtown Road Newton Stewart DG8 6AS
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Hannah Brown
Effective Date of Minor Variation	25 January 2023

<u>Application No. 6 – 140W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Stranraer FC Social Club 9-15 North Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7LD
Name & Address of Premises	Fitba Bar 9-15 North Strand Street Stranraer DG9 7LD
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Colin Herron
Effective Date of Minor Variation	7 February 2023

<u>Application No. 7 – 191W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	David McMillan Anchorlea Leswalt High Road Stranraer DG9 0AN
Name & Address of Premises	Stranraer Football Club Stair Park London Road Stranraer DG9 8BS
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to David McMillan
Effective Date of Minor Variation	7 February 2023

<u>Application No. 8 – 42W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Robert Maxwell 4 Hodgkinson Terrace Princes Street Newton Stewart DG8 6EY
Name & Address of Premises	Star Inn 11 Dashwood Square Newton Stewart DG8 6EQ
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Robert Maxwell
Effective Date of Minor Variation	13 February 2023

<u>Application No. 9 – 126W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Wm Morrison Supermarkets Limited Hilmore House Gain Lane Bradford BD3 7DL
Name & Address of Premises	Morrisons London Road Stranraer DG9 8ES
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to James Roddie
Effective Date of Minor Variation	16 February 2023

<u>Application No. 10 – 127W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Robert McIntyre 8 Hanover St Stranraer DG9 7RZ
Name & Address of Premises	The Pub 3 Hanover St Stranraer DG9 7SB
Nature of variation	Change of Designated Premises Manager to Shane Forrest
Effective Date of Minor Variation	1 March 2023

<u>Application No. 11 – 169W</u>	
Name & Address of Applicant or Agent	Robbie McDowall 10 Woodland Road Stranraer DG9 0BE
Name & Address of Premises	K & R McDowall 54 Dalrymple Street Stranraer DG9 7EU
Nature of variation	Reduction in capacity from 15.82m ² to 12.24m ²
Effective Date of Minor Variation	24 February 2023

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARDS
WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD**

**THE GAMBLING ACT 2005
SURRENDER OF PREMISES LICENCES**

<u>No. 1 – Ref 006W – Betting Premises Licence</u>	
Name & Address of Licence Holder	Coral Racing Limited Glebe House Vicarage Drive Barking Essex IG11 7NS
Name & Address of Premises	Coral 62 Victoria Street Newton Stewart DG8 6DB
Date Licence Surrendered	8 December 2022

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Date of Report: 16 March 2023

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARDS
WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD**

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 30

APPLICATION: MAJOR VARIATION

PREMISES: LIGHTHOUSE BAR, SANDS OF LUCE HOLIDAY PARK, STRANRAER

PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER: RICHARD COPELAND

1. Reason for Report

As this is a major variation application, the Board is statutorily obliged to hold a Hearing.

2. Background

2.1 Members are asked to consider the application received on 16 February 2023 and detailed in **Appendix 1** to this report.

2.2 As is required by law, a copy of the application was sent to:

- Police Scotland
- The Local Authority
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
- Local Community Council
- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- There was no Neighbour notification as there are no persons having notifiable interest in neighbouring land (within 4 metres in any direction of any boundary of the premises).

2.3 In accordance with statutory advertising requirements, the Board is required to display a notice on its website for a period of 21 days and the applicant is also required to display a site notice at or near the premises and in a place and height where it can conveniently be read by the public for the same period.

2.4 Notice of the application was published on the Board's webpage from **Tuesday 21 February to Wednesday 15 March 2023**.

2.5 Site notice display dates are **21 February to 15 March 2023** and at the time of writing this report no signed Confirmation of Site Notice confirming the above has yet been received.

3. Objections and Representations

The last date for objections/representations was **Tuesday 14 March 2023** and no objections/representations have been received.

4. Responses

The following responses have been received:

- LSO report: no adverse comments (**Appendix 2**)
- Police Scotland: no adverse comment
- Environmental Health: no adverse comments nor objections
- Planning: no issues
- Building Standards: no adverse comments

- SFRS: no adverse comment

5. Determining the application

5.1 As democratically elected individuals, ultimate decision making power rests with elected Members and not Council Officers. Whilst Officers can give advice, they cannot clearly make decisions at Hearings. Ultimately, the Board must come to a lawful decision and take into account the following:

5.2 The key consideration in reaching a decision is to determine whether or not a ground of refusal applies.

- (i) If no ground of refusal applies, then the Board must GRANT the application.
- (ii) If any ground of refusal applies, the Board must REFUSE the application.

5.3 The section 30(5) grounds for refusal are:-

- The application must be refused under
 - Section 32(2) (where the Board has refused a premises licence variation application in respect of the same premises and seeking the same variation and this is a subsequent application received within 12 months of the refusal)
 - Section 64(2) (where the application is for 24 hour operation and exceptional circumstances justifying the sale of a 24 hour operation have not been proven)
 - Section 65(3) (the application is for off sales outwith 10am to 10pm)

- Licensing Objectives ground of refusal

The Licensing Board considers that the granting of the application *would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives* (preventing crime and disorder/securing public safety/preventing public nuisance/protecting and improving public health/protecting children and young persons from harm)

- Unsuitability of the premises

That having regard to:-

- a) the nature of the activities proposed to be carried on in the premises
- b) the location, character and condition of the premises; and
- c) the persons likely to frequent the premises

the Board considers that the premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the proposed variation.

- Overprovision

That the Board considers that, if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises, or licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises (taking account of the variation), in the locality.

6. Recommendation

Members are asked to either GRANT or REFUSE the application.

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Clerk to the Licensing Boards
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16 March 2023

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Wigtown Divisional Licensing Board
Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Applicant/Agent	Richard J Copeland 195 Drumsurn Road Limavady BT49 0PG Northern Ireland
Address of Premises	Lighthouse Bar Sands of Luce Holiday Park Sandhead Stranraer DG9 9JR
Nature of Variation	<p><u>Variation to Operating Plan</u> (4) Add festive hours – onsale 24, 25, 26, 31 December and 1 January to 02.00</p> <p>(7) <u>amend capacity to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor 250 • Terrace Outdoor Drinking Area 72 • Covered Outdoor Drinking Area 54 • Beer Garden Outdoor Drinking Area 32 <p>Total of Outdoor Drinking Areas 158</p> <p><u>Variation to Layout Plan</u> Addition of new outdoor drinking areas</p> <p><u>Variation to any other information contained or referred to in the licence</u> Change of description to read “The Lighthouse is the onsite restaurant/bar of Sands of Luce Holiday Park with open plan internal seating and external seating.”</p>
Last Date for Objections/Representations	Tuesday 14 March 2023

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**DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARDS
LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT**

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 :
APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE
PREMISES: LIGHTHOUSE BAR, SANDS OF LUCE HOLIDAY PARK,
SANDHEAD DG9 9JR
APPLICANT: RICHARD COPELAND

1. These premises are situated on Sands of Luce Holiday Park accessible to site residents and general public.

1.1 The current capacity for the premises is 250 persons which is to be increased by the addition of an outdoor capacity of 158 persons.

1.2 On-sale operating hours are-

- Monday to Wednesday 11am to 12.30am
- Thursday to Saturday 11am to 1am
- Sunday 12noon to 12.30am

1.3 Off-sale operating hours are:-

- Monday to Saturday 11am to 10pm
- Sunday 12noon to 10pm

2. The main reason behind the application is to add two outdoor drinking areas to the layout plan. These are to the side and rear of the building. Photos are attached to this report.

2.1 The applicant is also requesting the festive hours for on-sales on 24, 25, 26, 31 December and 1 January to 2am. These hours are in line with the Board's policy.

2.2 The description of the premises has also been amended slightly.

3. The application was advertised on the Board's website page from Tuesday 21 February 2023. Simultaneously a notice must be displayed at the premises.

3.1 The Notice was checked on 1 March 2023 at which time it was displayed at the entrance of the premises. At that time, the notice was moved to the exterior of the premises in a prominent position.

4. I have no adverse comments to make.

Julia Farroll
Licensing Standards Officer

3 March 2023



Covered outdoor drinking area at rear of building



Outdoor drinking area at side of building

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARDS
WIGTOWN DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARD**

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: SECTION 12A
CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022**

1. Reasons for Report

1.1 In terms of section 12A Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (2005 Act), the Chief Constable must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, send a report to the Board setting out the matters specified in paragraph 2 below.

1.2 The Chief Constable's report to the Board for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 is to be found at the **Appendix**.

2. Content of Chief Constable's annual report

The report must set out:

- a) Chief Constable's views about matters relating to policing in connection with the operation of the 2005 Act in the Board's area during the period of 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 *and*
- b) any steps the Chief Constable
 - has taken during that year (2021/2022),
 - intends to take in the following yearto prevent the sale or supply of alcohol to children or young people in that area

3. Discussion of the report

3.1 If the Board so requests, the Chief Constable or his representative must also attend the Board's meeting to discuss the report.

3.2 A request has been made to the Police to attend the Hearing in the event that Members may wish the report to be discussed.

4. Recommendation

Members are asked to receive the Chief Constable's Report for 2021-2022 for the Wigtown Divisional Board and to note its terms.

Vlad Valiente
Clerk to the Licensing Boards
Municipal Chambers
Buccleuch Street
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16 March 2023

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WIGTOWNSHIRE Licensing Report 2021-2022



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Foreword

In accordance with Section 12(A) Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 I provide the Annual Licensing Report for 2021/22.

I would like to thank you for working with policing to keep the people of Scotland safe in what has been an extremely demanding year. During these challenging times Police Scotland has continued to work closely with Local Authorities and key stakeholders and, collectively, we have played a crucial role in supporting the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, explaining the rules and encouraging our fellow citizens to do the right thing.

We have embraced new, flexible ways of working that have involved remote or home working where possible and the incorporation of new IT solutions. We have quickly adapted to these changes while continuing to provide a high standard of service to our communities.

We have also continued to deliver effective regulation of Liquor Licensing whilst taking full cognisance of the restrictions and requirements conferred by the Coronavirus Regulations. Our focus has been on preventing alcohol fuelled violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour along with supporting the national response to suppress the virus.

I would like to thank our many local partnerships and acknowledge the good work that they do; without their support we would not be able to maintain the high standard in licensing in the Wigtownshire area.

Police Scotland remains committed to working with others to achieve the licensing objectives. I am confident that through effective, collaborative working we will meet any challenges that may arise and will continue to improve licensing standards for the communities of Scotland.

Iain Livingstone QPM

Chief Constable

Police Service of Scotland

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Police Scotland Licensing Overview –

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit (VPLCU) sits within Partnerships, Preventions and Community Wellbeing based in Glasgow.

The VPLCU upholds the two tier structure for licensing which supports both national and local priorities through service delivery. They have overall responsibility for determining and delivering national licensing strategy and policy, by providing advice, guidance and support to divisional licensing teams as well as undertaking other specialist functions.

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit is a specialist department which consists of a small team of officers, based in Glasgow. The officers within the unit work with divisional licensing teams and partner agencies to help shape policy and strategy around the police licensing function. They provide practical and tactical advice to police licensing practitioners, operational officers, supervisors and policing commanders.

The VPLCU seek to ensure that legislation governing the sale and supply of alcohol is applied consistently across the country and all opportunities are taken to stop the illegal or irresponsible sale, supply or consumption of alcohol with the intention of preventing and reducing crime and disorder.

During 2021/2022, from a licensing perspective, our particular focus was on the following;

- Scrutiny of the serious incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises.
- Working closely with Licensed Premises and Scottish Government to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic through the 4Es approach by engaging, explaining, educating and enforcing.
- Governance and ongoing development of the National ICT Licensing System, known as “Inn Keeper”, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of liquor and civic licensing administration and management. Police Scotland are currently working on upgrade to the National ICT system to ensure compliance with GDPR legislation.

Each of the 13 Local Policing Divisions have a licensing team responsible for the day to day management of licensing administration, complying with statutory requirements as well as addressing any issues that may arise within licensed premises in their local area.

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WIGTOWNSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

The Wigtownshire Licensing Board area is policed by Dumfries and Galloway Division.

The Local Police Commander is Chief Superintendent Carol McGuire, who has the responsibility for all day-to-day policing functions across the region.

The Local Area Commander for the Wigtownshire board area is Chief Inspector Bryan Lee who is assisted by Community Policing Inspector Stewart McColm.

Local Police Officers for the Wigtownshire are located at Stranraer and Newton Stewart Police Stations.

All licensing matters within the Wigtownshire area are processed by Police Scotland via the Divisional Licensing Unit which is overseen by Chief Inspector Stephen Bell and managed on a day to day basis by Sergeant Julia McKie.

Within the Wigtownshire board area there are 150 premise licenses and 356 personal licence holders.

The Wigtownshire area is a mixed urban and rural area. The night time economy is focused around the towns of Newton Stewart and Stranraer. Nearly all local towns and villages within the area support licensed premises in the form of public houses or licensed retail units and consequently there is easy access to alcohol within all communities.

The number of visitors to the area increases during the popular holiday season of March to October as a result of a number of holiday complexes in the Wigtownshire area. This can see an increase of instances at and around licensed premises at these locations.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITIES

Following our public consultation process, the policing priorities for Dumfries and Galloway Division 2020 - 2023, within our Local Policing Plan are;

1. Violent Crime, Disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Acquisitive Crime
3. Substance Misuse
4. Road Safety and Road Crime
5. Protecting Vulnerable People at Risk of Harm

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OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

Police Scotland within Dumfries and Galloway Division work towards upholding the 5 licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Scotland Act 2005 and the 2018-2023 statement of licensing provisions issued by Dumfries and Galloway Licensing Boards.

The 5 objectives are:

1. Preventing Crime and Disorder
2. Securing Public Safety
3. Preventing Public Nuisance
4. Protecting and Improving Public Health
5. Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm

All licensing enquiries within the Wigtownshire area are submitted to Police Scotland via the Divisional Licensing Unit, Cornwall Mount, Dumfries. A standard methodical process ensures each application is run through numerous police systems and the findings assessed. Where further enquiry is deemed appropriate a local community officer is appointed to make contact with the applicant to establish further details. All information is returned to the divisional licensing unit for final assessment and formal response.

To ensure thorough overview of all licensing matters, the divisional licensing unit work closely with operational response and community officers. This allows the early identification of any issues with licensed premises or license holders which in turn permits a co-ordinated response to any interventions requirements.

In circumstances where an application presents concern or a premise or license holder becomes problematic in a sense that their licensing status should be reviewed, the divisional licensing unit will make a representation or objection to the licensing board.

Dumfries and Galloway Division have three officers stationed at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, the posts being part funded by the NHS. These officers regularly engage with persons attending accident and emergency during peak night time economy hours where many attendees have consumed alcohol. This link is vital to ensure that NHS staff can work in a safe environment and any trends or concerns linked to alcohol consumption can be identified early.

Dumfries and Galloway division also have a substance misuse co-ordinator, who is part funded by the Dumfries and Galloway Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP). The officer works with partner agencies and health professionals to identify areas of concern. They also focus on a number of joint campaigns aimed at raising awareness of drug and alcohol misuse within our licensed premises. Alcohol awareness week was held between the 15th and 21st of November 2021 raising awareness with services such as Scottish Drug and Alcohol Services and we are with you setting up drop in centres at their premises.

Throughout the year, officers have attended at licensed premises with a view of identifying drug misuse and offering licensees a visual identification of areas within their premises which may present an opportunity for patrons to consume drugs. The

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use of 'cocaine wipes' which readily identifies cocaine residue has led to a number of preventative measures being put in place by licensees in order to combat the misuse of controlled drugs within their premises.

ANTI-SPIKING INITIATIVE

As part of the V Division Festive Safety Plan this year there has been a particular focus on anti-spiking/drugging messages and promotion of anti-spiking kits. Community policing established a positive relationship with a national charity, Spike Aware UK, the founders of which live in Moffat which prompted them to set up the charity and work to raise awareness.

During the busy pre-Christmas period of high visibility patrols in relation to night time economy and joint working was undertaken with Spike Aware UK to educate and raise awareness of spiking amongst the public, licensed premises staff and door stewards. Local funding was used to purchase anti-spiking kits which were publicised within premises and on social media and distributed to members of the public.

This was a very successful initiative which gained significant positive feedback and support from public and partners alike.

COVID19

In March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the COVID19 Coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. The subsequent Government restrictions placed upon the hospitality industry resulted in long periods of closure for on sales license premises and significant changes to the operating plans of many premises.

Throughout the pandemic Dumfries and Galloway Police division have worked closely with the Local Authority Licensing, Trading Standards and Environmental Health departments. These partnerships have provide the platform to provide support and advice to licensed premise to assist them with complying with the Scottish Government guidelines and legislation. Police Scotland Strategy followed the 4 E's – Engage, Explain, Encourage, Enforce approach towards compliance with the restrictions and regulations.

The Wigtownshire board area has historically had a number of local and national events throughout the year where licensing is prevalent. Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus pandemic large gatherings were not permitted and this led to the cancellation of yearly events.

As the country moves out of the coronavirus restrictions Police Scotland will continue to support the licensed premise trade to re-establish operations and will look to re-invigorate engagement and prevention work in this area.

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In order to work towards upholding the 5 licensing objectives Police Scotland also have involvement in a number of non statutory partnerships and initiatives to support license holders and the wider community.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Incidents involving licensed premises and people linked with the licensing trade are monitored through the Police Scotland Inn Keeper database. This system is used to identify problem areas, repeat callers and crime trends in terms of violence and anti-social behaviour that can be directly linked to licensed premises or a location nearby.

Inn Keeper is a national system that records and retains information relating to licensed premises and personal licence holders. It is a reporting tool for operational officers to record licensed premises visits and incidents and raise any concerns that arise from such visits and interactions with the premises. Information from this system can be used to highlight issues to licensed premises to allow them to introduce preventative measures.

Dumfries and Galloway Division works closely with the Local Authority Licensing Team, to share information on licensed premises in the Board area. This includes concerns about poor management, disorder and compliance and enables a joint approach from both partners to share and address any licensing concerns.

This allows for problems to be identified early and remedial work to be undertaken with licensees prior to a request to the board to review a license. The Police uses a staged process with options available to assist in a problem solving approach that are flexible, ranging from

Communication – The lowest end of the scale which involves engaging with and advising licensees.

Monitoring – Tasked inspections and increased scrutiny of premises for a specific period of time.

Intervention – Increased interaction with premises and staff, with formal dialogue and the use of agreed ‘Licensing Intervention Plans’.

Problematic – This is the final stage and involves requesting a license review in response to more serious matters.

The proactive use of the above measures ensures that we are supporting licensees and reducing the requirement to present reviews to the board.

SUMMARY RELEVANT TO THE WIGTOWNSHIRE AREA

During the roadmap out of the Coronavirus pandemic and in to Covid recovery some operating restrictions under the Coronavirus regulations remained in place for licensed

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premises. Indoor services resumed in May 2021 with various measures still in place including table service and the rule of six.

Due to licensed premises having either been closed or subject of restrictions to close at 2230 hours in 2020/2021 comparing the numbers and types of incidents committed during night time economy hours (Friday and Saturday 2300 hours to 0400 hours) to previous years is not feasible. The below figures represent all incidents that can be linked to licensed premises.

The majority of offences that can be linked with alcohol consumption and licensed premises are assaults and abusive behaviour. At peak times, policing resources are directed to carry out high visibility patrols to deter people from committing offences and to monitor patrons as they leave the area to go home. Police staffing at such times is increased with shift alterations and a longer shift crossover to ensure operational officers are available and visible.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Crimes specifically linked to licensed premises	42	21	44

There have been additional incidents where the parties involved have been under the influence of alcohol, however, the location given for these incidents is not directly linked to licensed premises and as such have not been included in the above. It is known that alcohol purchased and consumed in private from off sales may contribute to intoxication levels prior to visiting licensed premises and this is an issue to consider but one that is very difficult to quantify.

Any drunkenness or disorder offences/incidents are dealt with robustly by operational officers at the time and thereafter reviewed by the licensing team. Local officers are routinely tasked with making visits to Licensed Premises, not only for visibility and reassurance purposes but also to ensure that Licensing Legislation is being complied with. Each visit, whether or not any offences or issues are identified, are recorded on the Inn Keeper system. All entries are reviewed by the Divisional Licensing Unit, and where necessary additional tasks or activities are allocated to deal with any inconsistent practices. Officers also attend licensed premises in the afternoon to ensure their visibility is present through the day.

All applications for Premises and Personal Licences received by the Licensing Board are examined by staff from the Divisional Licensing Unit and where relevant, objections and representations are made to the board. We endeavour to bring all relevant information to the board to allow for a full overview of the applications which can then be taken into cognisance during decision making.

In the last reporting year 2021/22 it was necessary to bring one Licence holder or premises to the Wigtownshire Licensing board for review which is still ongoing. There were no intervention plans put in place for any premises in this board area.

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Given the unprecedented change in the operating of Licensed Premises due to the Coronavirus pandemic, accurate comparison of crime and offending with previous years is not achievable. The above details statistics however, do appear reflective across all boards within Dumfries and Galloway raising no cause for concern.

PREVENTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE

Alcohol misuse amongst children and young persons can also result in behavioural issues and offending; such as violence, and antisocial behaviour, as well as increasing vulnerability and susceptibility to exploitation.

Identifying young people that consume alcohol, or those on the periphery of offending through alcohol, or otherwise, will allow intervention and diversionary activities to be progressed. These complement ongoing enforcement activity within our communities.

Dumfries and Galloway Division have Youth Engagement Officers assigned to each Secondary School and Community Officers who liaise with primary schools across the region. These officers regularly provide talks to Children and Young Persons at school and in other environments. A benefit of this close link between children and these officer is that they are known and can be easily identified as being under age to consume alcohol.

Our Youth Engagement Officers also work closely with Dumfries and Galloway Youth Workers through the year. During school holidays these teams work together to tackle youth disorder which can often be linked to the misuse of alcohol. Diversionary activities are set up by the youth work teams and joint patrols of identified hot spot areas are conducted with a view to engaging with youths and encourage positive behaviours in a community setting.

The coronavirus pandemic has severely restricted our ability to carry out face to face group work with youths however the Youth Engagement Officers have continued to offer support and guidance to community groups and the education department. Maintaining and increased engagement with youths is vital to the supporting appropriate decision making and acknowledgement of risk taking behaviour by our younger communities.

Dumfries and Galloway Division works closely with partner agencies to protect children from harm. Should a child or young person be found in possession of alcohol or identified as being at risk from alcohol consumption then a concern form is submitted and shared with partner agencies. This allows for a multi-agency approach to be commenced at an early stage and ensures that a whole systems approach to address the needs of the young person is undertaken.

In support of the 'Protection of Children from Harm' licensing objective, applications for premises licences and variations to premises licences go under close scrutiny and

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may result in a submission to the board in respect of an objection or more commonly representation, especially in relation to the times and terms in which children and young people can be on such premises.

YOUTH FOOTBALL – STRANRAER

Due to Stranraer experiencing a high and increasing level of youth anti-social behaviour around the town it was recognised that a contributory factor was the lack of facilities for young people to use their time in a constructive way.

One of the few facilities in Stranraer was the 3G football pitch at Stranraer Academy that is regularly split in to a number of smaller size pitches for 6-aside football. This facility is jointly owned by third parties and is open to the general public to use via an online booking system. There were reports of youths trying to use the facilities to play football for free and when challenged and asked to leave had been rude and intimidating.

This clearly identified an enthusiasm amongst young people to use the facility however were dissuaded by the cost. Through engagement with the Police Youth Engagement Officer and the parties responsible for running the facility funding was obtained to hire part of the facility for young people to use throughout the school holidays and in to the autumn months.

This helped reduce complaints and helped contribute towards a drop in general anti-social by youths in the town centre. This activity reduces the likelihood of underage drinking obtained through proxy purchasing from local off sales. As many as 50 young people at a time of all ages and gender used the facility in a responsible way, with all the associated health benefits of getting involved in an outside sporting activity. The approach was so successful that a local registered social landlord was approached and agreed to provide funding to extend the scheme in to and through the school holidays of 2022.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Dumfries and Galloway Division are satisfied that at this time there is not a serious issue with serious and organised crime groups operating within the licensed trade in the area. We are aware of the impact serious and organised crime groups have on our communities and we will continue to evaluate any intelligence which may show this to be the case and act accordingly.

Crime and intelligence systems are continually monitored to analyse any emerging trends. Any identified hot spots are brought to the attention of the divisional licensing unit who report directly to the service delivery Chief Inspector. The division have a robust daily review process which feeds in to tasking and co-ordinating procedures to ensure appropriate oversight and action on any developing issues. The local area

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commander maintains oversight of resource deployment in terms of response policing and enhanced community policing opportunities.

Should certain premises be identified as becoming problematic the divisional licensing Sergeant will liaise with the local Community Policing Inspector and ensure that the premises are monitored accordingly.

As a division our focus is to reduce to the availability of drugs within our communities and combat acquisitive crime that may be linked to serious and organised crime groups. The Detective Chief Inspector has responsibility for oversight of all divisional activity linked to serious and organised crime groups and provides a link to national divisions. This ensures we are sighted on developing trends or groups who may look to infiltrate our local area with a view to targeting local communities.

The Substance Misuse Officer and Community Policing team also offer training to staff members in relation to identifying signs of drugs misuse.

If required we provide specific premise based crime reduction and security surveys to assist license premise to assist them with meeting their own responsibilities as licensees.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Dumfries and Galloway Division will continue a tasked and proactive approach to Alcohol Licensing.

We will continue to identify emerging issues and problematic areas and work in conjunction with licensed premises and licence holders to ensure that we can implement early intervention tactics to address areas of concern. This is something that is beneficial for all parties and is an important method to meet the licensing objectives.

We will continue close engagement with Partner Agencies to address any Licensing concerns at an early stage, to ensure that the licensing standards are maintained and any breaches are notified to the relevant boards. We will work in partnership with Licensing Standards to monitor results in this area.

We will ensure the continued use of social media to deliver key messages regarding the dangers of alcohol.

We will provide assistance and guidance to large organised events such as Eden Festival and local gala events to ensure licensing objectives are adhered to.

Additionally, work will continue around identifying and reducing drug misuse in and around licensed premises with increased tasking and proactive work and working with licensees to introduce ways to reduce use.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and stress the importance of this collaborative problem solving approach. This ensures that police, license holders

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and licensed premises staff have a better understanding of their responsibilities. We look forward to furthering this partnership over the coming year.

To conclude we would like to thank you for your continued support during what has been a challenging year for all. We have all had to adapt to a new way of working and ever changing circumstances which has been embraced by all.

We look forward to a safe and healthy 2022/2023.