

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

Consultation on Licensing Policy Statement

Introduction

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board's first Statement of Licensing Policy runs from November 2007 to November 2010. The Board is obliged to review its policy prior to November 2010 and is committed to consulting widely on it.

The Board has identified certain further issues which it would wish to address as part of this review. These are set out below with the Board's preliminary proposals. The Board wishes to take into account the views of all the interested parties and therefore now seeks the representations on the issues set out in this Consultation document.

In responding to this consultation, Consultees are asked to consider the Licensing Objectives and the extent to which these proposed changes promote these objectives.

The Licensing Objectives are:-

- preventing crime and disorder
- securing public safety
- preventing public nuisance
- protecting and improving public health
- protecting children from harm

The issues are:-

1. Overprovision (Paragraph 6.1). The new policy statement will require to include a policy on overprovision. Is there a need to specifically address overprovision in the Board area as a whole or in any particular locality?
2. Licensing hours (paragraph 8). The Board will require to revisit its policy on licensing hours in view of decisions taken since the coming into force of the 2005 Act. Are there any particular issues in relation to licensing hours that should be considered?
3. Occasional licences (Paragraph 9). The 2005 Act does not define a "voluntary organisation". Should the new policy include a definition?
4. Access by children to licensed premises. The Board will require to reconsider the policy in light of decisions that have been taken. Are there any particular matters in relation to access by children that should be considered by the Board?

Other Matters

Responses are required no later than **7th October 2010** in order that they may be considered when reviewing the policy.

Responses to this consultation should be posted to:- Clerk to the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT
Or emailed to:- Licensing@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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