

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM TUESDAY 17th MAY 2011
LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT

ACTIVITY BETWEEN 25/01/11 AND 05/05/11

1. GUIDANCE

Training

19/04/11 – Input to the Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holder (SCPLH) course at the Regent Hotel, Oban, detailing the role of the LSO.

26/04/11 - Input to the Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holder (SCPLH) course at the Lodge on Loch Lomond, Luss, detailing the role of the LSO.

Liaison

03/01/11 – Meeting in Dunoon with ASB officer, police and environmental health to discuss town centre disorder and liquor licensing.

07/02/11 & 17/03/11 – Attended Helensburgh PubWatch.

Information

I provided information and assistance on the Act on 61 occasions.

31/01/11 – Attended the West of Scotland LSO Forum, 1st quarterly meeting of 2011, at East Dunbartonshire Council HQ, Kirkintilloch.

04/05/11 – Attending the West of Scotland LSO Forum, 2nd quarterly meeting of 2011, at Renfrewshire Council HQ, Paisley.

The West of Scotland LSO Forum allows LSOs to meet and discuss the various aspects of liquor licensing and highlight any problems encountered between meetings. Representatives of this Forum meet with the National LSO Forum and Government on a regular basis in Edinburgh.

2. COMPLIANCE

Licence Processing

167 Occasional licence and 46 Extended Hours licence applications processed.

Licensing Board

Attended Licensing Board meeting on 01/03/11 (next meeting 10/05/11).

Premises Licence Review

05/04/11 - Two Premises Licence Review consideration hearings held. One review application dismissed at this stage and the other taken to full review hearing of the Board on 18/04/11, then no action taken by the Board.

Formal LSO Inspections

A total of 95 formal LSO inspections have been carried out during the period.

Between 9th February and 15th April 2011, 100 formal inspections were scheduled to be carried out on behalf of the Licensing Standards Service by consultant, Mr Mark Richardson. In the end 92 inspections were realised. Mr Richardson is a trained LSO and the purpose of the inspections was to gauge the compliance of a cross-section of licensed premises across the licensing board area. A

report is being prepared on the results of the inspections and will be presented to the Licensing Board in the near future. The report will thereafter be made available to the Local Licensing Forum.

All inspections continue to focus on:

- Statutory Notices Display
- Staff Training/Knowledge
- Management Overview
- Security
- Children & Young Persons

Monthly Premises Review Meetings

Between January and May 2011, attended premises review meeting of a premises in Helensburgh.

3. MEDIATION

Licensing Complaints

I have dealt with and resolved 4 complaints, in Oban (1), Helensburgh (2) and Lochgilphead (1) all related to music and patron noise/behaviour.

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5st May 2011