

ANGUS LICENSING BOARD – 1 FEBRUARY 2012

**EXTENSION OF HOURS
THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE – 2-5 JUNE 2012**

REPORT BY THE CLERK

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to determine whether to grant a general extension of licensed hours in respect of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be held on 2-5 June 2012.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:-

- (i) determine whether to:-
 - (a) to grant a general extension of permitted hours in terms of Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in respect of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be held on 2-5 June 2012; or
 - (b) to permit the granting of extended hours applications in terms of Section 68 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in respect of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be held on 2-5 June 2012, when applied for, and upon receipt of the required fee; and
- (ii) if the Board determines to extend, or permit the extension of, licensed hours in respect of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be held on 2-5 June 2012, to determine what the extended hours should be and when.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Government has determined that there shall be an extra holiday on Tuesday 5 June 2012 and that the traditional late May Bank Holiday would be moved to Monday 4 June 2012. These arrangements provide for a four-day weekend to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 2.2 The Clerk has received representations from businesses asking whether the Board is considering extending licensed hours in respect of this event.
- 2.3 Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 provides that a Licensing Board may, if they consider it appropriate to do so in connection with a special event of local or national significance, make a determination extending licensed hours by such period as the Board may specify in the determination.

Such a determination may apply to:-

- (a) the whole of the Licensing Board's area or only to specified parts of the area,
- (b) licensed hours generally or only to specified descriptions of licensed hours, and
- (c) all licensed premises in the Board's area or only to specified descriptions of such premises.

Such a determination shall have effect for such period as the Board may specify in it.

- 2.4 Section 68 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act provides that the Board may, on the application of the holder of the premises licence, and if the Board consider it appropriate to do so in connection with a special event or occasion to be catered for on the premises or a special event of local or national significance, extend the licensed hours in respect of the premises by such period as is specified in the application or such other period as the Board consider appropriate.
- 2.5 The fee for applying for an Extended Hours Application is £10.
- 2.6 If the Board is minded to extend licensed hours, either by virtue of a general extension in terms of Section 68, or by permitting the granting of extended hours applications, then it should determine what hours it is prepared to permit and when.
- 2.7 The Board is asked to note that its Statement of Licensing Policy permits on sale premises one additional hour at the end of trading on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Hogmanay and New Years' Day. However, the Board will not permit this extension of hours if it would result in premises trading beyond 2am.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights issues arising directly from this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

6. CONSULTATION

The Head of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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CLERK TO THE LICENSING BOARD**

NOTE: No background papers were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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