

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 26 SEPTEMBER 2013

EXTENDED HOURS OVER 2013 FESTIVE PERIOD

FOR LATE HOURS CATERING PREMISES

REPORT BY THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to allow members to consider whether they wish to make extensions of hours available to late hours catering premises over the festive period.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to consider and either:-

- (i) approve an extension of one additional hour at the end of trading on Christmas Eve (Tuesday), Christmas Day (Wednesday), Hogmanay (Tuesday) and New Year's Day (Wednesday) only for all late hours catering premises in Angus. This would permit late hours catering premises to operate on Christmas Eve, Hogmanay, Christmas Day and New Year's Day until 1 am; or
- (ii) refuse any additional hours.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that traditionally, Angus Licensing Board has agreed to permit liquor licensed premises, excluding off sales, to apply for additional hours beyond guidelines over the festive period. Angus Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy provides that the Board will permit 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. If applicants wished to take advantage of this relaxation, then they are required to include provision for it in their Operating Plan, or apply for an extension of hours in terms of Sections 67 to 70 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. It has been the practice of this committee and the Licensing Board to agree the same extension of hours for both late hours catering establishments and liquor licensed premises.
- 2.2 Members are asked to consider whether they wish to offer the one additional hour to Late Hours Catering premises. In reaching a decision members are reminded that the general policy is that these premises ought to close prior to the closing time for liquor premises. However, if granted, this additional hour will result in most liquor premises and late hours catering premises closing at the same time for these four nights.

3. RISKS

This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights issues in relation to this report.

6. 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.

7. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance and the Divisional Commander, Tayside Division of Police Scotland have been consulted on the content of this report.

Police Scotland have been issued with a copy of this report and their comments will be available at the meeting.

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NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this Report.