

ITEM 8

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Statutory Meeting of Council: 18 May 2022

Subject: Membership of West Dunbartonshire Local Licensing Forum

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To seek approval of the membership of the West Dunbartonshire Local Licensing Forum following the local government elections on 5 May 2022.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that Council approves the membership of the West Dunbartonshire Local Licensing Forum in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 following the new appointments made at the Meeting of the Local Licensing Forum on 8 March 2022.
- 2.2** Members are requested to note that the Chair of the Licensing Board will be appointed at the Statutory Meeting of Council and will assume the position on the Licensing Forum.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 required each council to establish a Local Licensing Forum. The Forum's functions are to keep under review the operation of the licensing system within West Dunbartonshire, the exercise by West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board of its functions and give advice and make recommendations to the Board.
- 3.2** In terms of the Act, the Forum is to consist of between five and not more than twenty one Members and it is for the Council to appoint Members. In appointing Members to the Forum the Council must seek to ensure that so far as possible that membership of the Forum is representative of:-
- Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences
 - The Chief Constable for the police area in which the Forum area is situated
 - Persons having functions relating to health, education or social work
 - Young people
 - Persons resident within the Forum's area
 - A Member nominated by the Health Board in terms of the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010
 - A Licensing Standards Officer for the area

4 Main Issues

- 4.1** The Forum's meeting was held on 8 March 2022 and the members of the Forum who were appointed or re-appointed were:-

Representatives of Premises Licence Holders and Personal Licence Holders

Paul Smith, Premises Operator for late night entertainment
Iain McLean, Personal Licence Holder
Brian McNeill, Representative of Off Sale Section of Licensed Trade

Representative of Police Scotland Chief Constable

Sergeant David Holmes, Licensing Sergeant, "L" Division

Pubwatch Member

Vacancy

Representative(s) of Supermarkets in the area

Allan Cowan, Manager of Lidl Supermarket, Dumbarton

Representative(s) of the Community

Linda Speir, Silvertoun and Overtoun Community Council
Pauline Larking, Bonhill and Dalmonoak Community Council
Isobel Plunkett, Old Kilpatrick Community Council

Representative(s) of Health

Sylvia Chatfield, Head of Mental Health, Learning Disability and Addiction,
West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board

Representative of Members' Clubs

Vacancy

Chair of the Licensing Board

Councillor Ian Dickson – Chair of the Licensing Board

Licensing Standards Officer(s)

Peter Clyde
Lawrence Knighton

Representatives of Young People

Tian Qi Yu, MSYP Representative
Jessica Boyle, MSYP Representative

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no people or staffing implications for the Council in this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications for the Council in this report.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 Failure to appoint members of the West Dunbartonshire Local Licensing Forum will result in a breach of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 The appointment of persons to the Forum has a positive equalities impact insofar it ensures that the interests of all representative groups are taken into account in the work of the Local Licensing Forum.

9. Consultation

9.1 No consultation has been carried out in relation to this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 The work of the Local Licensing Forum and the close relations it has with the Licensing Board are of assistance to the Licensing Board and help it deal with the area's alcohol related problems. This contributes to the Council's strategic priorities to improve economic growth and employability, improve life chances of children and young people and improve the well-being of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All

