

Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards
North Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board
Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy
Relationships With Other Regimes
30th November 2007 – 29th November 2010

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General

The North Board's aim is to serve the licensing needs of North Aberdeenshire as quickly and efficiently as possible, striking a balance between the business needs of its customers and the interests of the community as a whole, in order to protect the public and further the licensing objectives. To achieve this, the North Board will:-

- When deciding on policies, reach out to all parts of society and genuinely reflect their interests through the medium of the Local Licensing Forum.
- Encourage an open and honest exchange of information in a customer-friendly setting and make decisions in a fair and reasoned manner based around agreed and published policies.
- Be fair in all matters and in this context fairness includes having regard to and an interest in equality and diversity in all forms and ensuring that equality considerations are central to all that we do.
- Work to achieve objectives in partnership with a wide range of other Public Bodies, including Aberdeenshire Council and its various services, statutory consultees, the industry and the public.
- Strive to reflect the interests of all people from all sections of society in North Aberdeenshire.

It should be borne in mind that licensing is about regulating the sale of alcohol and premises on which alcohol is sold as well as for connected purposes within the terms of the Act.

The North Board will not, in so far as is possible, duplicate the roles of other regulatory regimes.

The North Board's Supplementary Policy on Discretionary Conditions/Management of Premises encourages applicants to consult with other relevant bodies.

Licensing law is not the primary mechanism for the general control of nuisance and anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are no longer on the licensed premises and beyond the direct control of the individual, club or business holding the licence, certificate or authorisation concerned. The Police are, and will remain, responsible for enforcement of criminal law in general.

Where other responsible authorities raise matters relating to the licensing objectives then the North Board will take those matters into account when reaching a decision. The North Board will take particular matters seriously when it comes to active promotion of the licensing objectives.

The North Board will work with the Police, Fire Service and Council Services for the targeting of agreed problem and high-risk premises. Lower risk premises which are well managed and well-maintained will be subject to less regular inspections.

Listed below are organisations that the Board will consult with on matters relating to licensing, where it deems it appropriate to do so. This list is not exhaustive

Other Regulatory Regimes

- **Grampian Police**
- **Grampian Fire and Rescue Service**
- **Planning Services**
- **Building Standards**
- **Environmental Health**
- **National Licensing Forum**
- **National Alcohol Officer**
- **Local Licensing Forum**
- **Equalities Legislation – including Race, Gender, Disability**
- **Gambling Act 2005**
- **Aberdeenshire Community Plan**
- **Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership**
- **Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug Action Team**
- **Tourism Bodies**
- **Transport Bodies – including the Public Transport Unit and Roads Service**
- **Grampian Racial Equality Council**
- **Alcohol Focus Scotland**
- **Aberdeenshire Council – Area Managers**
- **Community Councils**
- **Community Learning and Education**
- **Education and Recreation**
- **Youth Forums**
- **Aberdeenshire Towns Partnerships**
- **Business Associations**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
- **NHS Grampian**
- **Scottish Ambulance Service**
- **Pubwatches and Shopwatches**
- **Aberdeenshire Access Panels**
- **Human Rights Act 1998**
- **Freedom of Information legislation**
- **Councillor's Code of Conduct**