

Relationship with other Regimes

General

The Boards' aim is to serve the licensing needs of Central and South Aberdeenshire as quickly and efficiently as possible, striking a balance between the business needs of their 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 Boards will try to:

- 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 the Board does;
- 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 Central and South 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 Boards will not, in so far as is possible, duplicate the roles of other regulatory regimes.

Chapter 15 on Licence Conditions and 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. 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 Boards will take those matters into account when reaching a decision. The Boards will take particular matters seriously when it comes to active promotion of the licensing objectives.

The Boards will work with the Police, Licensing Standards Officer, Fire & Rescue 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 Boards will consult with on matters relating to licensing, where they deem it appropriate to do so. This list is not exhaustive:-

- Grampian Police
- Licensing Standards Officers
- Grampian Fire and Rescue Service
- Planning Services
- Building Standards
- Environmental Health
- National Alcohol Officer
- Local Licensing Forums
- 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
- Grampian Racial Equality Council
- Alcohol Focus Scotland
- Aberdeenshire Council - Area Managers
- Community Councils
- Community Learning and Educations
- Education and Receptions
- Youth Forums
- Youth Parliament
- Aberdeenshire Development Trusts
- 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
- SOLAR
- COSLA