

INVERCLYDE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM AND INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD

MINUTE OF JOINT MEETING OF 1 AUGUST 2023 AT 10.15AM

Present:

Licensing Board: Councillors Brooks, Cassidy, Jackson, Law, McVey, Reynolds and Robertson.

Licensing Forum: Nikki Boyle, Adrian Howlett and Lucianno Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Sgt Ian Robertson (Police Scotland), Ms Anne Sinclair, Ms Siobhan McMaster, Ms Diane Sweeney, Mr Crawford Brown.

Also in attendance: Ms Irina Do Carmo and Mr Stephen Pinder, Unite Trade Union.

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor Reynolds, Sgt Robertson, Ms Do Carmo and Mr Pinder attending remotely.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Emma Cumming, with Nikki Boyle substituting, and Councillor McCormick.

Presentation by Representatives of Unite on the Get Me Home Safely Campaign

The Board heard a presentation on the Get Me Home Safely campaign given by Irina Do Carmo and Stephen Pinder of the Unite Trade Union. The campaign addresses the workplace safety issues faced primarily by women and aims to tackle gender-based violence by developing a host of solutions and extending the duty of care of employers of late-night workers to ensuring that they get home safely. Thereafter members discussed and considered the premise of the campaign in so far as it relates to the licensing objectives, and thereafter Ms Do Carmo, Mr Pinder and Ms Sinclair answered a number of questions from members.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

Inverclyde Licensing Board Policy Statement Review

There was submitted a report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board providing additional information to members of the Licensing Board and Forum to assist in their discussion regarding a review of the Licensing Board's Policy Statement. The Policy Statement requires to be published within 18 months of the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2022 and therefore no later than 4 November 2023.

Ms Sinclair provided members with a provisional timescale for consideration of the Policy Statement before publication, with an informal private meeting of the Licensing Board by mid-August and a formal public meeting of the Licensing Board by the end of the month. Thereafter the Policy Statement would go out for consultation. Ms Sinclair advised that this would be a further opportunity for Forum members to submit their views in writing.

Mr Rebecchi questioned if the times given in the 'Alcohol deliveries' section of the report at paragraph 6.10 were correct, and Ms Sinclair advised she would consider this further and update members accordingly.

Decided: that the additional information contained within the report be noted