

Inverclyde Licensing Board

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Date: 23 October 2024

Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of the **INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD** to be held on **THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024** at **10.00 a.m.**

The Licensing Board Meeting will be held in hybrid format. Members may attend the meeting in person or access the meeting by remote online access. The joining details will be sent to Members and Officers prior to the meeting. Members are requested to notify Fiona Denver by 12 noon on Tuesday 29 October regarding how they intend to access the meeting.

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Yours faithfully

Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**
- 2. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Application for Variation of Premises Licence**
A list of applications is enclosed.
- 3. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Application for Provisional Premises Licence**
A list of applications is enclosed.
- 4. Licensing Board Festive Season Policy 2024 - 2025**
Report by Depute Clerk.
- 5. Police Scotland Annual Report 2023 – 2024**
Chief Constable's Annual Licensing Report.
- 6. Gambling Act 2005: Gambling Statement of Principles Consultation**
Report by Depute Clerk

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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

(2) APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

<u>No</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Variation Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	Devinder Dhesi	Cleats Bar 4 Kempock Street Gourock	(a) Add outdoor drinking/ dining area to premises licence. Outdoor Area located at side of premises including raised decking area and ground level seating area at side of premises. Layout plan amended accordingly. (b) Add outdoor drinking to activities be provided on the premises during core licensing hours. (Tick Box Yes) Existing Tick Box - No	

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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

(3) APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

<u>No</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Proposed Licence Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	Christine McIntyre	Jack & Remi's Newsagent 8 Grosvenor Road Greenock PA15 2DN	Description of Premises Convenience Store with off sales facility Core Licensing Hours – On Sales N/A Core Licensing Hours – Off Sales Monday – Sunday 10.00am – 10.00pm Seasonal Variations None Activities None Children and Young Persons N/A Capacity of Premises 15 sq. m. Alcohol Display Area Designated Premises Manager To be confirmed	

<u>No</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Proposed Licence Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
2.	Vino by Tonino Ltd	Vino by Tonino 59 Kempock Street Gourock	<p>Description of Premises Wine Bar in the retail district of Gourock on Kempock Street. The premises consist of a bar area, toilet, food preparation area and glasswash on the ground floor. The first floor is a staff area with toilet and storeroom.</p> <p>Core Licensing Hours – On Sales Monday – Wednesday 11.00am – 12 Midnight Thursday 11.00am – 1.00am Friday & Saturday 11.00am – 1.30am Sunday 11.00am – 12 Midnight</p> <p>Core Licensing Hours – Off Sales Monday – Sunday 11.00am – 10.00pm</p> <p>Seasonal Variations Extensions over the Festive Period operated in accordance with Inverclyde Licensing Board Policy.</p> <p>Activities Bar meals, Receptions including wedding, funerals, birthdays, retirements etc., Club or other group meetings etc., recorded music and outdoor drinking facilities to be provided during core licensing hours.</p> <p><u>Any othe Activities</u> Takeaway service and home delivery of food and alcohol. Online Wine Club sales. Wine Tasting Classes. Quiz nights, charity events or similar social activities.</p>	

No Applicant

Premises

Vino by Tonino
59 Kempock Street
Gourock

Proposed Licence Details

Decision

Children and Young Persons

Terms

- (i) Children & Young Persons admitted only when accompanied by an adult.
- (ii) As per Inverclyde Licensing Board's Children and Young Persons Policy in Licensed Premises.

Ages

All ages.

Times

As per Inverclyde Licensing Board's Children and Young Persons Policy in Licensed Premises.

Parts

All public areas with exception of sitting or standing at the bar counter.

Capacity of Premises

40 persons

3 sq. m. Alcohol Display Area

Designated Premises Manager

To be confirmed

Report To:	Inverclyde Licensing Board	Date:	31 October 2024
Report By:	Clerk to Inverclyde Licensing Board	Report No:	LS/075/24
Contact Officer:	Fiona Denver	Contact No:	01475 712109
Subject:	Inverclyde Licensing Board Festive Season Policy 2024-2025		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to request that members of the Licensing Board consider and determine the Board's 2024 - 2025 Festive Season Policy with regard to extended hours applications for Premises Licences and Occasional Licence applications for non-licensed premises within Inverclyde.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Licensing Board considers the following:

(a) If the Festive Season Policy is determined by:-

(i) Section 68 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) whereby licence holders require to lodge an Extended Hours application;

OR

(ii) Section 67 of the 2005 Act, whereby the Licensing Board may agree a "blanket" extension in connection with a special event of local or national significance, and extend licensing hours by such period as the Board may determine.

(b) That the period to which the Festive Season Policy will apply is Friday 6 December 2024 to Wednesday 1 January 2025 inclusive;

(c) The days and hours premises may be open during this period for both nightclub and non-nightclub premises;

(d) Whether or not the terminal hour for Tuesday 24 December, Wednesday 25 December, Tuesday 31 December 2024 and Wednesday 1 January 2025 should be the same as a Thursday to Saturday;

(e) That the event being held must relate to the festive season, such as a Christmas party night, Hogmanay and not to birthday parties, weddings etc., or whether extensions may be granted as per the Festive Season Policy agreed during this period regardless of the type of event proposed;

- (f) To assist the administering process, request licence holders notify Police Scotland Licensing Section as soon as possible of those dates within the Festive Season Policy they intend to utilise; and
- (g) Whether an occasional licence application made for non-licensed premises for an event during the period of the Festive Season Policy be granted in terms of the Festive Season Policy for events solely related to festive activities.

Lynsey Brown
Clerk to the Board

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Last year, as in previous years, the Board agreed a “blanket” extension across Inverclyde in terms of section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. A copy of the Inverclyde Licensing Board’s Festive Season Policy for 2023-2024 is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report for information purposes.
- 3.2 In previous years Police Scotland has not objected to the “blanket” extension although they advised they would object to any application which was submitted to the Board which sought extended hours beyond those proposed in the Festive Season Policy. The proposed draft Festive Season Policy for 2024-2025, which is set out in **Appendix 2**, has been intimated to Police Scotland for comment. Members of the Board will be provided with a copy of any written response from Police Scotland in relation to the proposed policy in advance of the Board’s meeting.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Inverclyde Licensing Policy Statement identifies that the festive season period will be considered by the Board on an annual basis. The Board therefore requires to determine if it will be necessary for licence holders to make an Extended Hours application under Section 68 of the 2005 Act, or if the Board is willing, as in previous years, to agree a “blanket” extension in relation to extended opening hours over the festive season period.
- 4.2 The Board will also require to address the days and hours licensed premises may be open during the festive season for both nightclub and non-nightclub premises, the period covered by the policy, and whether or not the terminal hour for Tuesday 24 December, Wednesday 25 December, Tuesday 31 December 2024 and Wednesday 1 January 2025 will be the same as a Thursday to Saturday.
- 4.3 The Board will also require to consider whether an occasional licence application made for a non-licensed premises, such as Greenock Town Hall, Gamble Halls, and Port Glasgow Town Hall, for an event within the festive period should be granted in terms of the Festive Season Policy for events solely related to festive activities.
- 4.4 Should the Board approve the Festive Season Policy for 2024-2025, it will be unnecessary for licensed premises to submit an Extended Hours application in relation to the period covered by the policy, although Licence Holders should notify Police Scotland’s Licensing Section of those nights they wish to utilise within the policy as soon as possible.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial			X
Legal/Risk	X		
Human Resources			X
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)			X
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Children & Young People’s Rights & Wellbeing			X
Environmental & Sustainability			X
Data Protection			X

5.2 Finance

There are no financial implications as a result of this report or proposed policy.

5.3 Legal/Risk

The legal issues are set out within this report.

5.4 Human Resources

None.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Police Scotland has been consulted regarding the proposed policy and the Board will be updated regarding any response in advance of the Board meeting on 31 October 2024.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

Festive Season Policy 2023 - 2024

Inverclyde Licensing Board at their meeting on 26 October 2023 agreed the Festive Season Policy 2023 - 2024 in terms of Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 to permit Premises Licences (except Off Sales) to extend the terminal Core Hour of the premises on the following dates and hours, if the Licensees so wish:-

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2023 – MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2024 INCLUSIVE

Premises Licence (except Nightclubs)

Premises may open:

Sunday – Wednesday 1.00 am
Thursday – Saturday 2.00 am

Premises Licence (Nightclubs)

Premises may open:

Sunday – Wednesday 2.00 am
Thursday – Saturday 3.30 am
(Bar to close 3.00 am)

Note: Sunday 24 December, Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Sunday 31 December 2023, and Monday 1 January 2024 may have the same terminal hour as Thursday – Saturday.

There is **NO** requirement to submit an Extended Hours application for the above dates and hours however the event being held within the premises **MUST** relate to the festive season e.g. Christmas Party, Hogmanay. This extension does **NOT** include a birthday party, anniversary, charity event, christening etc. Applications for these type of events should be applied for in the normal manner.

CONDITIONS

The requirements of the Licensing Conditions (Late Opening Premises) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 will apply to premises opening after 1.00 am

POLICE NOTIFICATION

Licence holders should notify Police Scotland, Licensing Department of those nights they wish to utilise within the Policy as soon as possible. Police Scotland may be contacted by e-mail:-

RenfrewshireInverclydeLicensing@scotland.pnn.police.uk

CONTACT DETAILS

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FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024 – MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2025 INCLUSIVE

Premises Licence (except Nightclubs)

Premises may open:

Sunday – Wednesday 1.00 am

Thursday – Saturday 2.00 am

Premises Licence (Nightclubs)

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Inverclyde Licensing Report 2023-2024



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Foreword

I am pleased to introduce the Annual Licensing Report for 2023/24, in accordance with Section 12(A) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

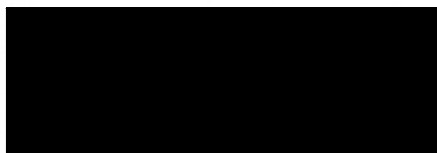
Since taking up the position of Chief Constable of Police Scotland in October 2023 I have been committed to focusing on working closely with communities to solve problems through proactivity.

In respect of Licensing, this has been made possible with the continued support of the 32 local authorities across Scotland as well as many other associated national and local partnerships.

This collaborative working ensures a fair approach to licensing for the benefit of the licensed trade while simultaneously preventing alcohol fuelled violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

In the year ahead our approach will remain focused on prevention and collaboration to ensure high standards of service delivery. I will continue to encourage officers and staff to utilise the range of options available to them to maintain and improve licensing standards and to positively influence behaviour in and around all licensed premises throughout Scotland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local partnerships for their contribution to maintaining high standards and driving improvement where necessary within the Licensed Trade for the benefit of the communities we all serve.



Chief Constable Jo Farrell

Police Service of Scotland

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Police Scotland Licensing Overview –

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit (VPLCU) sits within Policing Together, based at Dalmarnock Police Station, Glasgow.

The VPLCU upholds the two tier structure for licensing which supports both national and local priorities through service delivery. They have overall responsibility for determining and delivering national licensing strategy and policy, by providing advice, guidance and support to divisional licensing teams as well as undertaking other specialist functions.

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit is a specialist department which consists of a small team of officers, based in Glasgow. The officers within the unit work with divisional licensing teams and partner agencies to help shape policy and strategy around the police licensing function. They provide practical and tactical advice to police licensing practitioners, operational officers, supervisors and policing commanders.

The VPLCU seek to ensure that legislation governing the sale and supply of alcohol is applied consistently across the country and all opportunities are taken to stop the illegal or irresponsible sale, supply or consumption of alcohol with the intention of preventing and reducing crime and disorder.

During 2023/2024, from a licensing perspective, our particular focus was on the following;

- Scrutiny of the serious incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises.
- Governance and ongoing development of the National ICT Licensing System, known as “Inn Keeper”, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of liquor and civic licensing administration and management. Police Scotland are currently working on upgrade to the National ICT system to ensure compliance with GDPR legislation.

Each of the 13 Local Policing Divisions have a licensing team responsible for the day to day management of licensing administration, complying with statutory requirements as well as addressing any issues that may arise within licensed premises in their local area.

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LICENSING BOARD AREA

The Licensing Board area is policed by Renfrewshire and Inverclyde (K) Division Chief Superintendent Gordon McCreadie is the Local Police Commander who has the responsibility for all day-to-day policing functions.

Local Policing Priorities

Following our public consultation process, the policing priorities for Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division, as set out in our Local Policing Plan are as follows.

- Cyber and Digital Crime
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
- Antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Protecting vulnerable People
- Acquisitive Crime

The Licensing Board area is policed by Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division

Chief Superintendent Gordon McCreadie is the Local Police Commander with responsibility for all policing functions.

T/Chief Inspector David Doherty is the Local Area Commander for Inverclyde with responsibility for the management of personnel, local service delivery, community engagement and partnership working to ensure local and national priorities are met for the reporting period.

Inverclyde is bordered to the north/west by the Firth of Clyde, the east by Renfrewshire and stretches south where it meets North Ayrshire. It has a population of over 80,000 people. It is one of the smallest in terms of area (29th) and population (27th) of the 32 Scottish unitary authorities.

The main population centres of Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock are surrounded by smaller local communities such as Wemyss Bay, Inverkip and Kilmacolm and policing delivery is tailored to meet the needs of those communities. Partnership working in Inverclyde is well established and those partnerships deliver a highly effective police service which has a positive impact on local communities.

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Inverclyde has a rich and renowned history in shipbuilding and the 'deep water docking' on the Clyde offers berth to visiting cruise ships. Much investment has been made in education within Inverclyde with the area being home to the Greenock campus of West College Scotland.

There are currently 198 licensed premises in Inverclyde, 74 licensed off sales premises, 68 licensed premises for on sales only and 56 for both on and off sales.

OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

Alcohol misuse, exacerbated by its accessibility, availability and affordability, is commonly acknowledged as a contributory factor in incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Police Scotland continues to work with its partner agencies, including the licensed trade, to reduce the impact alcohol misuse has on local communities. By working together, we can target those who fail or simply refuse to promote responsible trading practices. Together we can improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

Police Scotland currently have 3 levels for categorising licensed premises that come to our attention:

- **Monitored** – Premises that require extra support and supervision. This can include premises coming to police attention through incidents or newly opened premises with inexperienced staff. A low-key approach is used to address issues before they escalate.
- **Intervention** – A formal intervention agreement is put in place to improve the safe and legitimate operation of a premises. This intervention plan, which contains a list of conditions, is agreed between all parties. The intervention period would last a minimum of three months and be subject to review.
- **Problematic** – Premises deemed problematic will normally be the subject of a premises licence review submission by Police Scotland to the Licensing Board.

Any categorised premises will be subject to regular inspections to ensure compliance and will form part of the tasking regime for the night-time economy action plans. All inspections, pro-active, re-active or planned are submitted via the Innkeeper system.

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Board Decisions

Figures for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 show that there was one premise within Inverclyde which was monitored and subject to regular inspections. There were no premises in Inverclyde subject of a premises review during period.

Summary

Appendix A provides details of crimes/offences detected and volume of applications processed by Police Scotland for licensed premises within Inverclyde in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

Section 1 – Unlicensed sale of alcohol – There were no offences of this nature reported.

Section 22 – Objections and Representations – 1 submission was made by Police Scotland in response to the grant of new premises licences.

Section 36 – Review Applications – No premise was subject to a review application.

Section 63 – Sale or supply out-with licensed hours – There were no offences of this nature reported.

Section 72 – Personal Licence Applications – 1 submission was made to the Licensing Board during the period.

Section 82 – Failure to notify Licensing Board of convictions – No persons were charged for failing to disclose convictions to Board.

Section 84 – Personal Licence Reviews – No individuals were subject of a personal licence review.

Section 94 – Exclusion Orders – There were no exclusion orders submitted.

Section 97 – Closure Orders – There were no closure orders issued.

Section 104 – Buy/attempt to buy alcohol on behalf of a child - No individuals were charged for committing this offence during the period.

Section 108 – Deliver alcohol to person under the age of 18 – No persons were charged for committing this offence during the period.

Section 111-116 – Drunkenness/Disorder Offences - No persons were charged under these sections during this period.

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PREVENTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE

Partnerships

Partnership working is key to delivering tangible outcomes and we continue to strengthen our relationships with all agencies, community representatives and residents to ensure our services are co-ordinated, effective and efficient and address the needs of our communities.

IT'LL COST YOU - Proxy Purchase Campaign

This Campaign focused on hot spot areas with educational interventions supported by third sector partners.

The main aims of the campaign were to

- Reduce the number of attempted purchases of alcohol for under 18s.
- Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the area.
- Reduce the vulnerability of those abusing alcohol under 18.
- Reduce the number of hospital admissions for under 18s with alcohol related injuries.
- Educate the public regarding the offence and dangers of proxy purchase within our communities.
- Educate Off-Sales and Licensed Premises to highlight the dangers of Proxy Purchase and operate within the Licensing Objectives.

The success of initiatives such as "Challenge 25" and joint work with Inverclyde Council have reduced the direct sale of alcohol to those under 18, however alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour illustrate that younger age groups are increasingly gaining access to alcohol by other proxy sales. The most common method involves asking adults to buy alcohol for them.

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 makes it an offence for a person to act as an agent for a child in purchasing or attempting to purchase alcohol'. This is known as proxy purchase. The penalties for this offence include a fine of up to £5000 and/or three months in prison.

With the assistance from the community police information was distributed to off licenses alongside bottle marking initiatives and engagement with the License holders.

Major supermarkets were approached, and joint social media posts were published with the major supermarket retailers. These premises also allowed campaign material to be left at alcohol aisles and front doors to their premises publicise the campaign.

Morton football club, Inverclyde Council were supportive of the campaign.

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The campaign continued with joint initiatives with the preventions and interventions department carrying out engagement events at shopping centres within Inverclyde, local community Gala days and West of Scotland College campus through student services.

There has been a decrease across the division on youth related alcohol incidents which highlights the importance for the continuation of the campaign where certain areas have been highlighted for attention.

“I am Me”

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division works in partnership with “I Am Me” providing a network of local businesses to create ‘Keep Safe’ places for disabled, vulnerable, and elderly people. There are currently 124 Keep Safe places in the Division, 7 of them are licensed premises. The Keep Safe Ambassador Programme has continued in the Division and now has 207 High School Ambassadors which has almost doubled from the previous year, 12 Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Ambassadors, 53 Ambassadors with a learning disability and 10 Keep Safe Ambassador trainers across the Division. This provides vulnerable sections of the community areas where they can safely report crime. Such areas have been set up in the central business district where there is a higher proportion of on/off sales premises.

Inverclyde Partnership Hub

In 2021 the Inverclyde Partnership Hub was formed and implemented by Police Scotland to operate within Greenock Police Office. It was developed utilising good working practices adopted from elsewhere and tailored to operate in Inverclyde, building on strong partnership foundations already established. The aim of the Inverclyde Community Partnership Hub is to work with partners daily to tackle anti-social behaviour, violence, drug related deaths and identify vulnerability in Inverclyde by co-ordinating all partners in an efficient structured and cohesive manner.

The structure used ensures that the daily tasking and risk incidents are focused, relevant and with clearly identified areas of ownership.

Each meeting involves a review of Police, Fire, Community Warden or other significant incidents or events over the previous 24-hour period. Information is pro-actively disclosed to partners who attend the daily meetings where reasonable, appropriate, proportionate and lawful to do so for effective and early intervention. Key to the development of the Inverclyde Partnership Hub has been full engagement and inclusion of key partners who have a responsibility for protection and wellbeing of our communities.

The following key partners are currently fully engaged in the Partnership Hub however there is more room to expand as necessity dictates.

- Police Scotland – LALO + support

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- Inverclyde Council Community Safety Department
- Inverclyde Council HSCP
 - Mental health
 - Addiction services
 - Homeless services
 - NHS
- Inverclyde Council Education Department
- Housing Associations
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Scottish Prison Service
- BTP

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

The Serious Organised Crime Taskforce was set up to ensure Scotland can respond robustly to the threat posed by organised crime, identify improvements, and ensure all agencies are working to the same aims to raise public awareness. Membership of the group includes the Solicitor General; the Police Service of Scotland; the Prison Service; Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC); National Crime Agency (NCA); Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE); Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS) and Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC).

Its remit is to work together to help deliver the Scottish Government's commitment to tackling serious organised crime by:

- Identifying priorities for tackling serious organised crime (SOC) in Scotland.
- Sharing best practice and improving co-ordination between law enforcement agencies and others;
- Identifying innovative ways of working together and encouraging better ways of working together;
- Developing a coherent Scottish response on reserved and other SOC issues; and
- Making proposals for legislation, research and other measures to tackle SOC.

There are several groups operating within the Renfrewshire area, some of which have connections to the licensed trade, via licensed premises, second hand dealers, tanning salons and car wash facilities. Police Scotland, in conjunction with our partner agencies, have identified innovative ways to disrupt such organisations who are targeted through multi-agency days of action. Whilst it can be difficult to link these groups to serious crimes, targeting other crimes has proven to be a useful tool in disrupting their operations.

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PROPOSED ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Enforcement Operations

The Licensing department will continue to plan and co-ordinate multi agency operations with officers from Home Office Immigration Enforcement (HOIE), Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Inverclyde Council targeting all forms of licensed premises and persons within the area.

To conclude we would like to thank you for your continued support during what has been a challenging year for all. We have all had to adapt to a new way of working and ever-changing circumstances which has been embraced by all.

We look forward to a safe and healthy 2024/2025.

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APPENDIX A

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Review Applications 1st April 2023– 31st March 2024

Inverclyde Board Area

Type of Application	Total
Section 36 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for Review of Premises Licence	0
Section 84A Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – application for review of personal licence due to conduct inconsistent with licensing objectives	0
Total	0

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Applications Received 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Inverclyde Board Area

Type of Application	Total
Premises Licence	0
Provisional Premises Licence	7
Extension of Provisional Premises Licence	1
Confirmation of Provisional Premises Licence	3
Extended Hours	40
Major Variation	13
Minor Variation	42
Occasional Licence	334
Personal Licence	51
Premises Transfer	4
Premises Transfer with Variation	4
Total	499