

6. ADDITIONAL REPORTS

(ii) Licensing Policy Review – Decision on Locality for Purposes of Overprovision

ABERDEENSHIRE LICENSING BOARDS

REPORT TO SOUTH DIVISIONAL LICENSING BOARDS – 7 February 2018

LICENSING POLICY REVIEW DECISION ON LOCALITY FOR PURPOSES OF OVERPROVISION

1 Recommendations

1.1 The Divisional Licensing Boards are asked to agree that for the purposes of assessing overprovision as part of the licensing policy review the localities should continue to be based on Council wards.

2 Background

2.1 Members will recall that at the August and December Board meetings the question of deciding what should be the locality or localities for the purpose of assessing overprovision was considered as part of the licensing policy review. Members considered the responses which had been gathered in a consultation exercise and the representations made by partner agencies including the police and LSOs. The Board decided that there was no evidence to suggest that it would be desirable to change the boundaries of the current localities and that they should continue to be the Council ward areas and this was agreed at the Joint Meeting with the Licensing forum in December however this was not formalised. The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to formally agree that for the purposes of assessing overprovision the existing localities should continue to be used and that an assessment should now be made as to whether or not there is evidence of overprovision in any of those localities.

3. Governance

3.1 Paragraph 1.1 and 1.2 of the Licensing Board Combined Scheme of Delegation allows the Board to take decisions on the review of licensing policy and assessment of overprovision.

3. Implications and Risk

3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed in this case because the decision that is being made will not have a differential impact on the protected characteristics of any persons.

3.2 There are no staffing and financial implications. There are no Risks identified in respect of this matter in terms of the Corporate and Directorate Risk Registers.

3.3 The Town Centre Principle does not apply in respect of this matter.

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