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Good afternoon,

The Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards have endorsed an indicative plan for the review of their Policy Statement.

Fiona Stewart will take the lead in terms of the review of the Policy Statement.

Peter Robertson will take the lead in terms of the Overprovision element of the Policy.

The proposed timeline for the review is attached for your information and this will be used to track the progress made.

We want to work closely with partner agencies to ensure that our revised policies are:

- firmly based on a cohesive and consistent approach to the **five licensing objectives**:
 - Preventing crime and disorder
 - Securing public safety
 - Preventing public nuisance
 - Protecting and improving public health
 - Protecting children from harm
- evidence based and robust,
- clear and transparent so that these can easily be complied with.

Before we prepare draft revised policies and launch a formal consultation process, we want to consider the following in respect of the **five licensing objectives**:

- What alcohol-related issues have been identified within other Aberdeenshire Council policies?
- What evidence can other partner agencies bring to the table in relation to those issues?
- What is working in our current Policies?
- What is not working in our current Policies?
- What are the alcohol-related issues that the Boards need to consider in reviewing their Policies?
- What evidence is there to support these views?
- What can the Boards do to tackle issues identified?
- What can other partners do to tackle issues identified?
- How can the Boards support or work with other partners to tackle issues identified?

To compliment the evidence you give to us, we want to engage face to face with partners to discuss these issues and to work together to find practical solutions. As you will see, there is a lot of work to be done and tight timescales to be

met to ensure that we publish our revised policy statements by 1st November 2018. We want to make you aware of the process we are following at the earliest opportunity to help you to prepare to engage with us to ensure that evidence and issues can be fully discussed and reviewed and that all involved can fully benefit from the engagement process.

We will be contacting individual partner agencies very soon to discuss how the Boards will engage with you, how best to present your evidence/issues/strategies to the Boards, where the meetings will take place and so on.

We really do value your input and would encourage you to engage with us. We are looking forward to working with you.

We believe that by following this process, we can formulate an evidence-based workable Licensing Policy Statement that promotes the Licensing Objectives in our communities for the next five years.

For further information on the review of policy you can contact us at licensingpolicyreview@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Our existing policies can be found at: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/licensing/alcohol/policies/policy-statements/>

Kind regards,

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