

## **Election of Members of the Midlothian Licensing Forum**

**Report by Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place**

### **Report for Decision**

#### **1 Recommendation**

The Council is recommended to seek nominations for representatives to the Midlothian Licensing Forum from the respective sectors as noted below in section 3.

#### **2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary**

Following the recent Council elections on Thursday, 5 May 2022, the Council is requested to consider the appointment of members to serve on the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum.

Appendix 1 outlines the current Forum membership, of which some members are no longer in their positions and able to serve on the Forum. The membership requires to be refreshed.

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### **3 Background**

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requires every Council to establish a Local Licensing Forum for their area. The membership of the forum is outlined in [Schedule 2](#) of the Act.

The Forum is independent from the Licensing Board and the members of the Forum have to be elected by the Council. The Council is required to provide administrative support to the Forum.

Forum membership should consist of between 5 and 20 persons as determined by the Council from the following categories;

- Holders of premises licences and personal licences
- A Licensing Standards Officer
- The Chief Constable for the Forum's area
- Persons having functions relating to health, education or social work
- Young people
- Persons resident within the Forum's area

### **4 Forum Membership**

The Council at its meeting on 21 June 2007 agreed the initial appointment of four members to serve on the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum. This was then supplemented by further appointments approved at the Council meetings on 27 November 2007, 23 December 2008 and 22 May 2012 which together with the appointment of the Council's Licensing Standards Officer brought the Forum's membership up to eleven, where it has remained up until the recent Council elections. The current membership is listed in Appendix 1.

### **5. Current Developments**

Following the recent Council elections the membership of the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum requires to be refreshed as some of the current members are not valid to serve on the new Forum due to changes in their positions. It is therefore requested that Council seek nominations for the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum based on the membership outlined in section 3 above.

### **5. Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)**

#### **5.1 Resource**

The Council is required to provide administrative support to the Forum, which it already does from existing resources.

#### **5.2 Digital**

There are no digital implications related to this report.

### **5.3 Risk**

Failure to establish a Local Licensing Forum (LLF) for the area would mean that the Council fails to comply with the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, that each local authority must establish a Local Licensing Forum (LLF) for their area.

### **5.4 Ensuring Equalities**

There is no change to policy or practice, or direct effect on citizens and an equalities impact assessment has not been required in connection with this report.

### **5.5 Additional Report Implications**

See Appendix A

## **Appendix A - Additional Report Implications**

### **A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan**

Not applicable

### **A.2 Key Drivers for Change**

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- ☐ Holistic Working
- ☐ Hub and Spoke
- ☐ Modern
- ☐ Sustainable
- ☐ Transformational
- ☐ Preventative
- ☐ Asset-based
- ☐ Continuous Improvement
- ☐ One size fits one
- ☒ None of the above

### **A.3 Key Delivery Streams**

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- ☐ One Council Working with you, for you
- ☐ Preventative and Sustainable
- ☐ Efficient and Modern
- ☐ Innovative and Ambitious
- ☒ None of the above

### **A.4 Delivering Best Value**

There are no direct implications related to this report.

### **A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

The report does not directly relate to involving communities.

### **A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

Not applicable

### **A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

Not applicable

### **A.8 Supporting a Sustainable Development**

Not applicable

**Membership of the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum****Representatives of Holders of Premises Licences/Personal Licences**

Gemma Laing

Michael Sunet Singh

Adam Bolton

James McKay

Patrick Kenny

**Representative of functions relating to Health, Education or Social Work**

John Thayers                      Midlothian & East Lothian Drug & Alcohol  
Partnership (MELDAP)

Dr Jim Sherval                      NHS Lothian

Dr Elizabeth Oldcorn      NHS Lothian

**Representative of Residents within the Forum's Area**

Bill Kerr Smith

Derek Couper

Alasdair Gow

**Representative of the Chief Constable**

Chief Inspector Kenneth Simpson

Inspector John Dryden

**Licensing Standards Officer**

William Stobie