

## **Midlothian Local Licensing Forum**

### **Report by John Blair, Director, Resources**

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

Following the recent Council elections on Thursday, 4 May 2017, the Council is requested to consider the re-appointment of existing members to serve on the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum.

#### **2 Background**

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requires every Council to establish a Local Licensing Forum for their area.

The Forums are 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

#### **3 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.

#### **4 Current Developments**

Following the recent Council elections the existing members of the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum (**Appendix 1**) require to be re-appointed.

## **5 Report Implications**

### **5.1 Resource Implications**

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

### **5.2 Risk Implications**

Failure to establish a Local Licensing Forum (LLF) for the area would mean that the Council fail 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.

### **5.3 Policy Implications**

#### **Strategy**

There are no strategy implications arising from this report.

#### **Consultation**

No consultations have been undertaken in connection with this report.

#### **Equalities**

An equalities impact assessment has not been required in connection with this report.

#### **Sustainability**

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **6 Recommendations**

The Council is recommended to:-

Approve the re-appointment of the existing members to serve on the Midlothian Local Licensing Forum (**Appendix 1**).

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**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