

SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD

22 OCTOBER 2021

Board's Policy Terminal Hours - Monday to Wednesday midnight; Thursday to Saturday 1.00am; Sunday midnight.

Festive Season Policy

The vast majority of licensed premises in the Scottish Borders have a seasonal variation included in their Operating Plans allowing a terminal hour of 1.00am on the following days – Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. For 2021/21, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are on Friday and Saturdays with Boxing Day being on a Sunday.

In relation to Boxing Day, as in previous years, it would seem appropriate to allow the premises who do not have this seasonal variation, to apply for an extension to their core hours up to the same terminal hour (1am) on this day and for those applications to be dealt with under delegated powers where no other objections or representations are received. In the case of those applications that attract objections or representations, they would be referred to the Board for a decision as required by legislation.

In addition, it would seem appropriate that the same policy is applied to events being catered for in unlicensed premises by way of Occasional Licences.

Night Club/Late Hours Premises

Again, as in previous years and with regard to consistency, it is suggested that it would be appropriate to allow night club premises to apply for extensions to their existing hours on Boxing Day allowing them to trade to their usual core weekend hours. This preserves the normal weekend time differential between specific late night venues and other licensed premises. Again, any extended hours applications for Boxing Day could be dealt with under delegated powers only where no other objections or representations are received. In a case of an application attracting objections or representations, it would be referred to the Board for a decision as required by legislation.

Applications for Other Hours

Any applications for a terminal hour other than for the days or late times stated above would be referred to the Board for a decision on their own individual merits.