

SCOTTISH BORDERS LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

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The [Local Licensing Forum](#) (LLF) is a partnership of representatives which including license holders, licensing standards officer, police, health and local residents. The role of the LLF is to review and provide advice to the local Licensing Board.

This does not include reviewing or offering recommendations in relation to individual applications or cases.

The LLF is chaired by the Licensing Standards Officer and every council must establish a local licensing forum in their area.

HIGHLIGHTS



- Alcohol Focus Scotland supported the LLF in a development session to develop a workplan for 2023/24.



- A learning resources [pack](#) was developed for all new members to support the understanding of the principles and remit of the LLF.



- A survey to seek views of the community of the approach to alcohol licensing in Scottish Borders took place between May 23 - July 23 with 102 responses. A report on the findings was shared with the Licensing Board and included within the Alcohol Profile.



- An updated [Alcohol Profile](#) was provided to the Licensing Board in October 2023 highlighting alcohol related harm in Borders and to support decision making.



- An extraordinary meeting took place to support development of response to Licensing Board Policy Statement Consultation and submission provided.



- Recruitment of new members underway with new members appointed.



- Participated in the exploratory conversation to discuss development of National Licensing Forum. The role of the National Licensing Forum is to share good practice, promote policy in action and look at ways to find consistency across LLFs whilst maintaining the independence of individual forums