

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 25 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**EXTENDED HOURS OVER 2014 FESTIVE PERIOD**

**FOR LATE HOURS CATERING PREMISES**

**REPORT BY SHEONA C HUNTER HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to allow members to consider whether they wish to make extensions of hours available to late hours catering premises over the festive period.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is requested to consider and either:-

- (i) approve an extension of one additional hour at the end of trading on Christmas Eve (Wednesday), Christmas Day (Thursday), Hogmanay (Wednesday) and New Year's Day (Thursday) only for all late hours catering premises in Angus. This would permit late hours catering premises to operate on Christmas Eve, Hogmanay, Christmas Day and New Year's Day until 1 am; or
- (ii) refuse any additional hours.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Members will recall that traditionally, Angus Licensing Board has agreed to permit liquor licensed premises, excluding off sales, to apply for additional hours beyond guidelines over the festive period. Angus Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy provides that the Board will permit on sale premises one additional hour at the end of trading on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Hogmanay and New Year's Day. However, the Board will not permit this extension of hours if it would result in premises trading beyond 2am. If applicants wished to take advantage of this relaxation, then they are required to include provision for it in their Operating Plan, or apply for an extension of hours in terms of Sections 67 to 70 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. It has been the practice of this committee and the Licensing Board to agree the same extension of hours for both late hours catering establishments and liquor licensed premises.
- 2.2 Members are asked to consider whether they wish to offer the one additional hour to Late Hours Catering premises.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**NOTE:** No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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