# **AGENDA ITEM 14**

## **REPORT NO LB33/20**

## ANGUS LICENSING BOARD – 30 JUNE 2020

## PREMISES LICENCES UNDER THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 LICENCES SURRENDERED

# REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARD

#### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to present information on premises licence which the licence holder has surrendered.

### 1. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board determine that the premises licences detailed in the attached appendix has been surrendered and has ceased to have effect.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Clerk has received notification from the premises licence holders of those premises detailed in the appendix, to the effect that the licence holders are surrendering their respective licences.
- 2.2 Section 28 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") provides that a premises licence ceases to have effect where the Licensing Board receives a notice from the premises licence holder stating that the licence holder wishes to surrender the licence. The Act provides that the notice be accompanied by the premises licence, or where that is not practicable, by a statement of reasons for failure to produce the licence. The licence holders have been requested to return their licences as required by Section 28 of the Act and have done so.

#### 3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

On determining that a licence has been surrendered and has ceased to have effect, any future application for a premises licence in respect of those premises shall be an application for a new licence.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### 5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In dealing with the matters as set out in this report, the Board will have regard to any human rights issues in relation to the licence holders.
- 5.2 Members are advised that Article 1 of the First Protocol of the European Convention of Human Rights (i.e. protection of property) applies in relation to this Report. The licence holder is considered to be the owner of the licence and as such is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his/her possession. However, Angus Licensing Board may take such action as it deems necessary to control the use of the property in accordance with the general interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law. Article 14 requires non-discriminatory treatment of individuals in the enjoyment of their rights.
- 5.3 The legal basis for taking any action in connection with this Report is in terms of Section 28 of the 2005 Act.

5.4 Any actions considered by the Licensing Board must be proportionate, i.e. there should be as little intervention as possible to achieve the Board's desired aim. If the Board is minded to suspend the licence, members must first consider the Board's desired aim in imposing a period of suspension and must also consider an appropriate period of suspension taking into account the guidance on proportionality and must ensure that their decision does not discriminate against the licence holder.

# 6. NOTIFICATION

Notification of the terms of this Report has been sent to the licensees at their last known addresses.

**NOTE:** The background papers (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are: The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

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#### **APPENDIX TO REPORT LB33/20**

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# PREMISES LICENCES WHICH HAVE BEEN SURRENDERED AND CEASE TO HAVE EFFECT

# LICENCE NO. 15, GUTHRIE CASTLE, GUTHRIE, FORFAR, DD8 2TP

Licence Holder: Guthrie Castle Limited, The Broadgate Tower, Third Floor, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2RS

The licence holder requested in a letter dated 14 May 2020 that this licence be cancelled and the licence has been returned to the Board