



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EAST LoTHIAN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

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TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

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**Forum Members Present:**

George Hood (Chair)  
Stuart Baxter  
PC Heather Bowsher  
David Forrest  
Rudi Fruzynski  
Gary Naysmith  
Christine O'Brien (minute taker)  
Ricky Ross  
John Thayers  
Steven McGovern

**Council Officials Present:**

Kirstie McNeil

**Licensing Board Members Present:**

Tom Trotter  
Fraser McAllister  
Jim Goodfellow

**Visitors Present:**

There were no visitors present

**Apologies:**

Stuart Logan  
Oskar Grodnicki  
David Black (Secretary)  
Kirsten Baird  
Inspector Ian Mackay

**1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2014**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**2. JOINT SESSION WITH THE LICENSING BOARD**

Kirstie McNeil presented a report on the Licensing Board giving an overview of previous year's activity:

- In October 2013 new Statement of Policy adopted introduction of over provision statement. Licence objections have to be addressed before new licence applied. None refused to date, more details required;
- Chasing of Licensing Fees – causing a few problems. 3 reminders sent and then Rudi Fruzynski having to chase up. Going forward if premises require to be chased for payment a review with the Licensing Board will be a likely outcome; and
- Next joint session with Licensing Board date/time to be explored to improve attendance from Licensing Board members.

**3. LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT**

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 Rudi reported:

E Cig - Health Institute of Scotland - Licensing Board looked at this issue insufficient material to comment will review in the future if further information becomes available.

Licences - 1 premises license refused due to safety concerns by the police. 1 new premises licence granted and 1 provisional licence granted. 6 noise complaints received: 3 from outside venues and 3 pubs. 15 major Variations granted and 8 Extensions for the World Cup, 6 Transfers, 167 Occasional licences.

The Scottish Licence Trade News referred to the new licensing Bill introduced on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The portions of the Bill relevant to the alcohol trade are sections 41 – 59.

Rudi mentioned concerns that a considerable amount of personal licence holders have still to do their 5 year refresher course but noted that due to ongoing process he was unable to determine how many still outstanding. A statutory reminder letter regarding refreshers course will be sent out.

Steven McGovern mentioned that it would be wise to surrender the licence rather than lose it as it will be suspended for 5 years.

**4. POLICE REPORT**

PC Heather Bowsher gave report on the previous three months.

- A closure order was granted by the Licensing Board due to the risk to public safety and will be reviewed in 3 months. (August 2014)
- Of the 4 monitor premises, 2 were taken off and 2 still active: 1 in Musselburgh and 1 in Tranent.

- A joint operation was underway between Police Scotland and SIA to monitor door stewards.
- Testing of illegal substances within licensed premises was being reintroduced.
- Due to Commonwealth Games a reduced cover would be apparent in July; however World Cup extensions would not impact on Police time.

Cllr Stuart Baxter mentioned there would be no road closures for the Queens Baton Relay but parking restrictions will be heavy. A letter would go out to all business regarding the times on the 17/06/14.

## **5. PUBWATCH – REPORTS FROM LOCAL SCHEMES**

### **R.A.S.P**

E- Cig - after discussion it was agreed that individual premises would decide whether to allow these to be used within their premises.

Concerns were expressed with regards to Musselburgh Races and whether such events were being policed in the same manner as other licence premises. Heather Bowsher replied that when these events take place additional conditions are applied such as plastic tumblers, security staff at the Racecourse searching bags for alcohol and free bottles of water being made available to race goers.

## **6. ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND**

No issues were raised.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members were advised that Nico de Freitas had resigned from Forum. Members expressed their thanks to him for his invaluable input and his time as a Forum member.

George Hood asked if there was any form of training available for Forum members. Rudi Fruzynski suggested he contact Linda Bowie at Alcohol Focus Scotland for guidance.

It was noted that the new pass card for 18 plus was issued on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The issue of Sky pricing was raised and it was noted that pricing was done on a business rates basis leaving public houses at a disadvantage to community pubs.

Proposed agenda item for next meeting - Forum to debate and discuss New Bill and the impact it will have on the licensing trade.



Revised 19/08/14

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# **East Lothian Local Licensing Forum**

## **Constitution**

# East Lothian Local Licensing Forum

## Draft Constitution

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## **1. Title**

This is the Constitution of East Lothian Local Licensing Forum.

## **2. Introduction**

The East Lothian Local Licensing Forum has been established to represent the views of people concerned with the operation of the licensing systems in East Lothian. The Forum has been established in accordance with Sections 10, 11 and Schedule 2 the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. It is the role of the Forum to keep under review the operation of the licensing regime and the exercise of licensing powers in East Lothian and to give advice and recommendations to the East Lothian Licensing Board.

This constitution sets out how the Forum will operate. It also incorporates the Code of Practice for Forum members.

### 3. Definitions

"Act" in this constitution means the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

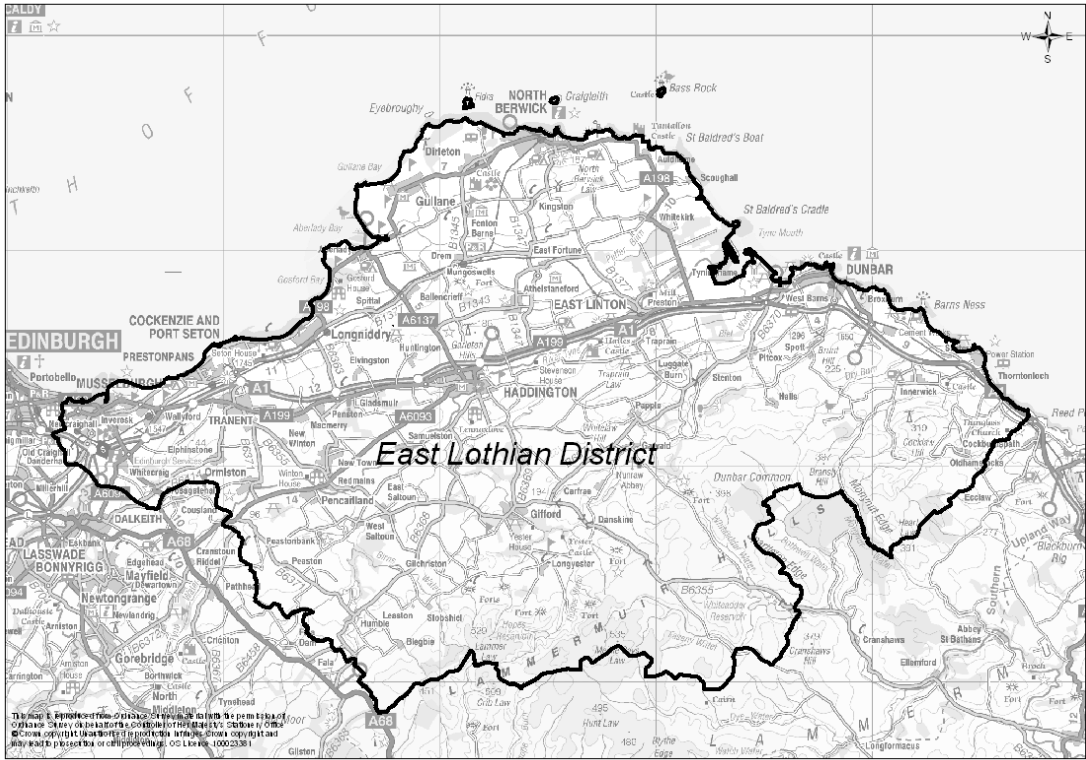
*"East Lothian Local Licensing Forum" or "Forum"* means that body established by East Lothian Council in accordance with Section 10 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

*"Licensing Board" or "the Board"* means the East Lothian Licensing Board.

*"Licensing Standards Officer"* means that person employed by East Lothian Council and qualified as required by the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

*"East Lothian"* means that area administered by East Lothian Council incorporated under the Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994 and shown outlined in black on the plan below.





## 4. Objectives of the East Lothian Local Licensing Forum

4.1 The Forum will identify key issues affecting licensing in East Lothian and will develop and deliver constructive advice and recommendations on how to address these.

4.2 The Forum will try to ensure that the interests of all parties affected by licensing are represented. The members of the Forum will aim to accurately and effectively represent the views of the constituency they represent. The Forum will arrange opportunities for members to meet with people from groups or constituencies they represent in order to discuss matters of interest and ascertain the views of their constituents.

4.3 The Forum will establish an identity that is clearly separate from the Licensing Board. The Forum will strive to build trust with license holders and the Licensing Board by giving impartial and effective advice and practical recommendations to the Board.

4.5 The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 lists the licensing objectives as;<sup>1</sup>

1. preventing crime and disorder
2. securing public safety
3. preventing public nuisance
4. protecting and improving public health
5. protecting children from harm

The Licensing Board is required to promote these objectives through their policies and decisions. The Forum will be

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<sup>1</sup> Section 4 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

consulted by the Licensing Board when it formulates or reviews Licensing Board Policy statements.

## 5. Functions

5.1 The Forum will keep under review the operation of the liquor licensing regime and the exercise of licensing powers in East Lothian and to give advice and make recommendations to the Board.

5.2 The Forum will give advice and make recommendations to East Lothian Licensing Board in relation to any matters of policy and other areas of concern that the Forum considers appropriate.

5.3 The Forum cannot review, give advice concerning, or make recommendations in relation to the exercise of the Board's power in any particular case or regarding the Board's consideration of any individual application.<sup>2</sup>

5.4 Forum members will take active steps to maintain regular contact with the constituency they represent. The Forum will arrange public meetings to allow members to meet their constituents. The Forum may also pursue such other methods to ascertain the views of constituents, as they feel appropriate.

5.5 The Forum will take all reasonable steps to encourage people to make their views known to Forum members. This could include publicising agendas and minutes, publishing contact details using the local press or distributing leaflets. The Forum will also provide opportunities for people to discuss matters of interest with Forum members.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 11(2) Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

5.6 Members of East Lothian Local Licensing Forum are appointed to represent the views of a constituency. It is inappropriate for any member to use the Forum to express their own views, pursue their own enthusiasms or resolve personal issues. Unless they have been specifically appointed to represent that organisation, members of the Forum are not to express or promote the views of any organisation of which they are also a member.

5.7 The Forum is entitled, on request, to be provided with copies of any statistical information provided to the Licensing Board for the purpose of preparing a licensing policy statement or supplementary statement.

## **6. Membership**

6.1 The membership will never be less than 5 or more than 21. The number of members will be subject to review by East Lothian Council (Licensing, Administration and Democratic Services).

6.2 In order to be eligible for membership of the Forum, a person must be:-

- a) aged 18 years or above;
- b) able to demonstrate an interest in the licensing system;
- c) currently employed in or be a duly appointed representative of one or more of the following groups, namely:-

- Persons resident within East Lothian
- Holders of premises licences and personal licences
- The Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders
- Persons having functions relating to health, education or social work.
- Young people

6.3 Where there is a gap in representation of one of the above groups representative organisations may be approached to nominate a suitable person.

6.4 A Licensing Standards Officer will be appointed by East Lothian Council as a statutory member of the Forum.

6.5 Except in respect of the Licensing Standards Officer, Members will be appointed for a period of 2 years and East Lothian Council will review membership after this point. Members are eligible for reselection provided they meet the criteria in 6.2.

6.5 Any gaps in the membership of the Forum will be filled with reference to the same criteria in 6.2.

6.6 Members are expected to make every effort to attend meetings. However, should they be unable to attend they should intimate their apologies to the Convenor prior to the meeting. The member may nominate a substitute to take their place and express their views. Members who fail to attend 3 consecutive meetings without good reason will be automatically removed from the list of members.

## 7. Convenor and Secretary

- 7.1 At its first meeting in each calendar year the Forum will elect a Convenor and Secretary from its members. Any member of the Forum may put themselves forward for election as Convenor or Secretary. Both the Convenor and Secretary shall hold office until the first meeting in the following calendar year unless they resign or are dismissed.
- 7.2 If the Convenor is not present at any meeting, or is unable to act for any reason, the meeting may be chaired by any other member present.
- 7.3 The Convenor is responsible for ensuring that meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion. The Convenor should also regulate the discussion so that everyone has a chance to speak while ensuring that all agenda items are discussed in the allotted time. It is part of the Convenor's role to prevent an individual from dominating the discussion and to encourage more reticent members of the Forum to speak up.
- 7.4 The Convenor should monitor how well the Forum is working as a group. The Convenor may set aside time on an occasional basis to allow discussion of how the Forum is working and how members feel they are progressing.
- 7.5 If the Convenor is unable to attend a meeting of the Forum he or she must intimate his or her apologies to the Secretary or Licensing, Administration and Democratic Services at East Lothian Council. The Convenor may nominate a substitute to attend in their place and express their views. The Forum should

nominate one of the usual members to act as Convenor for that meeting.

## **8. Meetings**

8.1 The Forum will have a minimum of four meetings per calendar year.

8.2 The Forum will meet with the Licensing Board at least once in each calendar year.

8.3 All Forum meetings will be held in public and will be open to the press.

8.4 Meetings should be fixed by the Forum in consultation with East Lothian Council in order to ensure that appropriate facilities are available.

8.5 Intimation of the date and time of meetings, the agenda and any connected papers will normally be issued to the Forum members by the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting. The Secretary will ensure that public notice of Forum meetings will be published on East Lothian Licensing Forum's website normally at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

8.6 The quorum for any meeting of the Forum is not less than one half its members and in any case no fewer than three. The proceedings will not be invalidated by any vacancy in the membership.

8.7 If a quorum is not present ten minutes after the meeting was due to start the meeting must be adjourned and rescheduled for a date not sooner than two weeks from the date of the adjournment. It will be recorded in the minute that the meeting was adjourned and no business was transacted due to the lack of the necessary quorum.

8.8 In making any decision the Forum should vote upon a proposal. Each member of the Forum, or their substitute, will have one vote with the Convenor having a casting vote in the event of a tie. Voting will usually be by show of hands. The Forum may use a secret ballot where it decides this is more appropriate. The secret ballot should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

8.9 All members may put forward suggestions for agenda items. The Convenor is responsible for establishing a mechanism whereby members may table items for discussion.

8.10 The Secretary shall keep a minute of every meeting of the Forum. These minutes should include;

- The names of members in attendance;
- Any apologies intimated to the convenor or secretary;
- A brief note of topics dealt with;
- A record of all decisions taken by the Forum.

8.11 The Secretary shall send a copy of the minute of the previous meeting to all members fourteen days in advance of the next meeting.

8.12 Minutes of the previous meeting should be approved as a correct record at the next meeting. The agenda may not be



closed before the minute or the amendment thereof is agreed by majority vote.

8.13 The Secretary shall lodge a copy of the minutes of each meeting with East Lothian Council.

8.14 East Lothian Council will provide facilities to assist members in carrying out their duties. This may involve access to administrative support and the use of Council premises for meetings. Such facilities must only be used in carrying out Forum duties.

## **9 Special Meetings**

9.1 A Special Meeting of the Forum can be called at any time by the Convener or by requisition of a majority of the members of the Forum. Such a request to hold a Special Meeting will be in writing and the Convener will determine the date and place of the Special Meeting.

## **10. Conduct of Members**

10.1 Members must respect all other members of the Forum, members of the Licensing Board and all East Lothian Council employees and the role each plays, treating them with courtesy at all times. Members should also be courteous to any members of the public or press present during Forum meetings.

10.2 All members must comply with rulings from the Convener in the conduct of the business of the Forum.

10.3 Members should strive to be open about their decisions, giving reasons for those decisions.

10.4 Members are accountable for the Forum's decisions and actions to the public. They have a duty to consider issues on their merits, taking account of the views of the people the members represent, and must ensure that the advice given or recommendations made reflect the views of their constituents in so far as is possible.

## **11. Resignation and dismissal**

11.1 Members wishing to resign their appointment may do so in writing, giving four weeks notice, to the Council's Service Manager – Licensing, Administration and Democratic Services and to the Convenor.

11.2 Where it is put to the Forum that one of their members has acted contrary to the provisions of this constitution, or in such a manner so as to bring the Forum into disrepute, they may by majority vote recommend dismissal of that member to East Lothian Council.

11.3 In voting regarding the recommendation of dismissal of a member, each member of the Forum will have one vote with the Convenor having a casting vote in the event of a tie. Where it is the Convenor who is the subject of the vote the Forum should agree a substitute for the purposes of this vote. The Forum should use the secret ballot procedure for these votes.

11.4 Where the Forum agrees to dismiss a member that member will immediately lose the right to attend Forum meetings except where attending as a member of the public. The Convenor should inform the Council's Service Manager – Licensing, Administration and Democratic Services of the decision as soon as practicable.

## **12. Alterations to Constitution and powers to make or amend rules**

12.1 The Forum shall have the power to alter the constitution of the Forum and to make or amend rules relating to the conduct and administration of the Forum at any of its meetings or at a Special Meeting convened for such purpose provided due intimation of such proposed alteration shall have been sent to each member at least fourteen days before such meeting. All such alterations require to be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. The Forum shall not be permitted to alter the Constitution if such alteration would conflict with the terms of the Act.

## **13. Contact Details**

**Website:** [www.eastlothianlicensingforum.co.uk](http://www.eastlothianlicensingforum.co.uk)

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**Research**

[Alcohol industry sponsorship and hazardous drinking among UK university students who play sport](#)

[Alcohol marketing in televised English professional football: a frequency analysis](#)

**AFS**

**Policy & Development Coordinator**

Gemma Crompton is new in post supporting ADPs to deliver a whole population approach to reducing alcohol harm. She will be setting up pilot projects in two ADP areas. [Contact Gemma](#)

**AFS room hire**

We have space available to hire for meetings, training sessions or other events. [Contact us](#) for more info.

**Workplace training on alcohol and drugs**

AFS training for workplaces can be accessed through local [Healthy Working Lives](#) advisors on 0800 019 2211.

**Resources**

[Alcohol-related harm in Glasgow: a national, city and neighbourhood perspective](#)

Briefing from Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

**You, your child and alcohol**

For free copies of these booklets aimed at parents and carers please [contact us](#). P&P will

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**Concerns over Edinburgh Licensing Board decisions**

NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, Edinburgh ADP, community councils and the local licensing forum have all presented evidence of alcohol harm to the licensing board which has been largely ignored. Approval was recently granted for two supermarkets to sell alcohol in the Tollcross area of Edinburgh, despite the area being identified as of 'serious, special concern' in the board's own licensing policy statement. In an [interview](#) with Edinburgh Evening News, convener of Edinburgh's licensing board, Cllr Eric Milligan, claimed there was "no direct connection" between the growth of licensed

outlets and antisocial behaviour.

**Increase in ChildLine calls about parents' drinking and drug use**



The number of children counselled by ChildLine because their parents were drinking too much or taking drugs more than doubled last year - averaging fifteen counselling sessions a day to the NSPCC's free helpline. Most of the children

were 12 to 15 years old, although one in ten were of primary school age.

[Read more](#)

**Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill**

The Scottish Government has published the [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Bill](#). Alcohol Focus Scotland welcomes many of the proposals relating to alcohol licensing including rewording the objective on protecting children from alcohol harm to also include young people, clarification that overprovision can be assessed across the whole licensing board area, and ensuring that statements of licensing policy apply for the duration of a board's term.

**Wines and spirits getting stronger, despite industry pledge to remove 1bn units**

The Department of Health's [progress report](#) covers the first full year of the 1 billion unit pledge, one of the flagship commitments of its "Responsibility Deal" to improve public health. The 2015 target looked achievable when figures showed 253m units were removed, mainly down to reductions in the strength of beer. But the average ABV of wine and spirits has actually increased, meaning an extra 57m units on sale between 2011 and 2012.



**WHO calls on governments to do more to prevent alcohol-related deaths and diseases**

Worldwide, 3.3 million deaths in 2012 were due to harmful use of alcohol, says a new WHO report. The [Global status report on alcohol and health 2014](#) provides country profiles for alcohol consumption in the 194 WHO member states, the impact on public health, and policy responses.

**Alcohol and brain damage in adults**

A [report](#) from the Royal College of Psychiatrists on alcohol-related brain damage (ARBD), with reference to high risk groups. The report calls for clinical commissioning groups to support services that provide specialist care for patients with ARBD and makes specific recommendations for four specialist settings: alcohol treatment services, prisons, acute hospitals and pregnancy/fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

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[Contact us](#) if you wish to apply.

## Events

### [National Licensing Conference](#)

7 October, Edinburgh  
More speakers now added to conference programme.

### Save the date!

The Global Alcohol Policy Conference will be held in Edinburgh from **7-9 October 2015**. A conference website will be up and running soon.

### Public perceive alcohol adverts breach regulatory code

Research from the University of Manchester shows 75% of the UK general public perceive alcohol adverts to breach the Advertising Standards Authority's Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice (BCAP) Code, suggesting the current regulatory system is inadequate. The majority of participants rated all seven adverts shown as breaching at least one rule. Rules about alcohol being presented as contributing to popularity or confidence, and implying that alcohol is capable of changing mood, physical condition or as nourishment were seen as being breached by over 50%.

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Reducing harm caused by alcohol

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Research

[Alcohol tax pass-through across the product and price range: do retailers treat cheap alcohol differently?](#)

[Alcohol brief interventions in Scottish antenatal care: a qualitative study of midwives' attitudes and practices](#)

Events

**Under control? Alcohol licensing and safer communities**

Alcohol Concern Wales conference, 16 September

[More info](#)

**National Licensing Conference**

Licensing: serving the public interest? 7 October, Edinburgh

[More info](#)

Resources

[Alcohol and football briefing](#)

Briefing from Alcohol Concern highlighting the rise in demand on emergency services during previous World Cups, and exploring the relationship between alcohol and football.

[Glasgow neighbourhood health and wellbeing profiles](#)

New online profiles published by Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

AFS news

**Whole population approach - local**

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**Concern over Glasgow Games drinks sponsors**

Alcohol Focus Scotland and six other organisations have questioned the decision to allow Heineken and The Famous Grouse to become official sponsors of Glasgow 2014. In a letter to the Committee, we asked how Glasgow 2014 intends to minimise children and young people's exposure to these alcohol brands during the Games, pointing out that giving alcohol brands free reign to advertise their products to young people is not in keeping with the spirit of the Games.

**Scottish attitudes to alcohol pricing split**

A study of Scotland's attitudes to alcohol has suggested people are slightly more in favour of introducing minimum unit pricing than against. The [Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2013](#) questioned around 1,500 people and found 41% were in favour of minimum pricing, 35% were against and 22% had no strong view. The survey also found a growing number of Scots recognising the harmful impact of alcohol, with 60% saying it was the drug causing most problems in Scotland.

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**UK supermarkets minimise price rises for the cheapest alcohol when taxes are increased**

Supermarkets are not fully passing tax increases onto the price of the cheapest beers and spirits, according to research from [SchARR](#) at the University of Sheffield. They discovered retailers appear to respond to increases in alcohol taxes by 'under-shifting' their cheaper products (raising prices below the level implied by the tax increase) and 'over-shifting' their more expensive products (raising prices beyond the level implied by the tax increase). The findings, published in the journal *Addiction*, found price rises for cheaper products were up to 15% below the level expected if the tax increased had been passed on fully.

**Alcohol firms funding charities to gain political influence**

Alcohol companies are adopting contentious tactics pioneered by the tobacco industry by funding charities in order to gain influence inside government, according to research from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Drinks manufacturers, retailers and grant making trusts have given five alcohol charities up to £1m each in recent years as they have deliberately "used corporate philanthropy as a political device". One example is the national charity *Addaction* receiving £1m from Asda and £560,000 from Heineken. [Read more](#)



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DRINK DRIVING VISIT

[dontriskit.info](#)

**Police hail new drink-drive ads as offences fall**

More than 9000 drivers were stopped in Scotland in a two week campaign ending last weekend. 169 people were charged with drink-driving, compared with 280 motorists for the same period last year. Police claim the fall in arrests shows the impact of the [Don't Risk It](#) publicity campaign warning drivers of the personal consequences of being caught drink-driving, and of Police Scotland's tough stance on motoring offences.

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#### **pilots**

As part of AFS' ongoing support to ADPs, we are undertaking 2 pilots in 2014/15 to assist ADPs in developing whole population approaches to reducing harm, in particular alcohol's harm to others. Edinburgh City has been identified as the first area, with the second yet to be agreed.

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#### **Accident & Emergency treatment of drunk patients**

There has been much debate in the media about whether people who are drunk should be charged for emergency hospital treatment, following the issue being raised at the Royal College of Nursing's annual congress. Alcohol Focus Scotland is of the view that, while alcohol is indeed a huge drain on NHS resources, hospital is the safest place for someone who is seriously ill or injured through alcohol to be. The bigger issue is how we prevent so many people to drinking to excess in the first place. Tackling the affordability, availability and marketing of alcohol will be effective in reducing consumption and harm.

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### Training and events

**Deadline fast approaching!**  
Personal licence holders who need to complete Refresher training have until 31 August to do so. [AFS course dates](#)

**Cross Party Group on Drug and Alcohol Misuse**  
13 August, Scottish Parliament.  
AGM and discussion on new psychoactive substances (legal highs). [Register](#)

**Scotland the Brave! Seminar**  
5 September, Brussels.  
Seminar looking at Scotland's alcohol policy, including minimum pricing. [Read more](#)

**National Licensing Conference**  
7 October, Edinburgh.  
View the programme and [book your place now](#)

**NHS Grampian Substance Misuse Symposium**  
9 October, Aberdeen  
[Read more](#)

### Research

[An exploration of the dynamic longitudinal relationship between mental health and alcohol consumption: a prospective cohort study](#)

[Association between alcohol and cardiovascular disease](#)

### AFS news

[Oh Lila! and Rory resources and training](#)

### News & Policy

#### 1 in 5 over 65s drinking every day at home

Almost 1 in 5 (18%) people aged over 65 drink at home on a daily basis. In contrast, 1 in 9 young adults aged 18-24 say they drink at home every day. One in four adults say they have cut back on how much they drink in the past year. Wine remains the most popular tipple to drink at home, followed by lager and cider. [Read more](#)



#### Thousands in licensed trade yet to complete refresher training

In some areas of Scotland less than 10% of people approved to sell alcohol have completed mandatory refresher training. It's estimated that 18,000 people have still to attend approved courses by the 31 August deadline. Premises would have to close until they have a fully trained and approved manager, while those who have had licences withdrawn have no right of appeal and cannot reapply for five years. [Read more](#)

#### Backing for 50p minimum price in Wales

Plans to introduce a minimum unit price for alcohol in Wales have been backed by a ministerial advisory panel. It could become law as part of a Public Health Bill for Wales planned for early 2015. Panel chair Kyrie James said: "Expert evidence and research confirms cheaper drinks are favoured by those who drink hazardously or harmfully, and a minimum unit price would have a disproportionate targeted effect on problematic drinking, reducing alcohol problems and achieving health and other benefits for individuals and our communities as a whole." [Read more](#)



#### Alcohol ads linked to underage drinkers favourite brands

The brands of alcohol that underage drinkers choose most often also happen to be the brands advertised in magazines read most often by that age group, according to a new US study. David Jernigan, director of the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health said: "We've got at least 14 long-term studies that have looked at young people's exposure to alcohol advertising and found that the more exposed they are the more likely they are to start drinking or if already drinking, to drink more." [Read more](#)

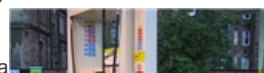
#### Any alcohol increases dementia risk, middle-aged warned

Middle-aged people should be told to cut out alcohol to reduce their risk of dementia as part of health checks from the age of 40, under new NHS proposals. Draft guidance from the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (Nice) says middle-aged patients should be warned that "there is no safe level of alcohol consumption" when it comes to their future dementia risk. [Read more](#)

Further evidence that excessive drinking can impair mental processing later comes from a US study. Researchers found men and women in their 50s and 60s with a history of alcohol abuse were more likely to have memory problems up to two decades later. The study is published in the [American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry](#).

#### Midge Ure says there's too much booze on sale in Britain

Midge Ure, who overcame alcohol problems a



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we will be busy after the summer holidays working with nurseries and schools in Glasgow, West Lothian, Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire, to roll out our resources to support children affected by parental drinking.

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decade ago, said the fact that alcohol is available 'everywhere' makes it frighteningly easy for people to turn into addicts. The former Ultravox singer condemned the widespread availability of alcohol in corner shops, garages and on motorways. [Read more](#)



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**£1.1bn alcohol sales during World Cup**

Cumulative supermarket sales of beer, wine and spirits for the five weeks of the World Cup totalled £1.1bn, a net increase of £15.1m on 2013. The biggest growth was in sales of ale and stout, up 13.4%.

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