

LSO – Licensing Forum Notes

November 2024 – January 2025

Board Meetings

As Licensing Standards Officer, I have been involved in the following applications etc. as presented at the Licensing Board:

- **November Licensing Board 2024**
 - **Major Variation Application – East Lothian Co-operative Bowling Club**
Application to remove club status to change to “open premises” licence and appoint a premises manager. Granted by the Board.
 - **Major Variation Application – Premier Store, Haddington**
Application to increase off sales capacity. Several compliance issues raised by LSO at previous meeting which have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. Granted.
 - **Extension of Provisional Premises Licence 57 Eskview Terrace, Musselburgh**
Previous 6-month extension expired further 6 months granted.
 - **Occasional Licence Application– 57 Eskview Terrace**
Review of occasional licences in line with above provisional premises licence extension request. Granted
 - **Occasional licence Application – Edinburgh Catering Company – Gilmerton House**
Application for occasional licences from catering company for use at Gilmerton House. Reviewed due to regular use and need for premises licence. Granted with the board requesting that the premises submit a premises licence application.
 - **Premises Licence Review – Non payment of Annual Fees – The Stand, Musselburgh**
The premises licence holder failed to pay the annual fee by 1st October and has repeatedly done this for 10 years. Premises has not been in use since pre-2014, LSO raised the question has it ceased to be used for the sale of alcohol under section 28. Premises licence holder could not be understood online. Review continued until Jan 2025 with premises licence holder asked to attend in person.
 - **Premises Licence Review – Non payment of Annual Fees – Shish Mahal, Musselburgh**
The premises licence holder failed to pay the annual fee by 1st October and has repeatedly done this for 13 years. Premises licence holder could not be understood online. Review continued until Jan 2025 with premises licence holder asked to attend in person.
 - **Presentation of Chief Constables Report 2023-2024**
Presentation of the report by Sgt Stuart Miller. The Board members questioned the accuracy of the report and why crimes that had been reported to the Board were not present in the report. Sgt Miller replied that they were not included as there was no intent. This was not accepted by

the Board with the Convenor stating he would write to the Chief Constable and Justice Secretary about the standard of the report.

- **December Licensing Board 2024 – no Board hearing, scheduled recess**
- **January Licensing Board 2025**
 - **Provisional Premises Licence Application – Greywalls Hotel, Gullane**
Application to replace previously lost premises licence. Some small changes to previous licence as a refresh. Granted by the Board.
 - **Provisional Premises Licence Application – Company Bakery, Musselburgh**
Application for a bakery with café for sales of alcohol at events. Granted by the Board.
 - **Major Variation Application – La Dolce Vita, Haddington**
Application to extend on sales time, and adapt licence to fit a restaurant setting, along with a small change to the layout. Granted by the Board.
 - **Major Variation Application – Ozy’s Kitchen, Haddington**
Application to add outside drinking for dining space on street outside premises. Granted by Board with conditions.
 - **Major Variation Application – Lifestyle Express**
Application to increase capacity and alter layout plan. Granted by the Board.
 - **Occasional Licence Applications – The Brunton Trust for Haddington Corn Exchange and Loretto Theatre**
Application for multiple occasional licence applications at both venues. Venues to replace the Brunton theatre have been in operation for over 12 months. Information was presented to the Board that the Brunton Theatre have now secured funding to continue the lease at Haddington Corn Exchange for which it intends to apply for a premises licence. The Board agreed to grant occasional licences used at Bruton Theatre venues for the next 12 months on delegated powers.
 - **Premises Licence Review – Non payment of Annual Fees – The Stand, Musselburgh**
This review was continued from Nov 2024. The premises licence holder attended with an agent. Details of the premises and intentions for its use were discussed. The premises licence holder assured the Board that works would be starting so that the premises could re-open. The Board agreed that the premises licence should remain at this time however and requested an update on work done by September’s Licensing Board. At this time, the Board would review the situation, a written warning was issued in relation to the late payment of annual fees.
 - **Premises Licence Review – Non payment of Annual Fees – Shish Mahal, Musselburgh**
This review was continued from Nov 2024. The premises licence holder attended with an agent. The premises licence holder’s agent assured the Board that payment of the annual fee would be made on time from now on. The Board issued a written warning to the premises licence holder and stated that should the fee be paid late again another review would be held.

Provisional Licences Outstanding Confirmation

Provisional Grant Date	Premises	Comments re Section 50 Certs.	Confirmed
07/07/2020	Chip Shop, 57 Eskview Terrace	No update	Extended to June 2025
31/03/2022	Broxmouth Courtyard	No update	Expires Mar 2026
25/08/2022	The Mart, East Linton	No update	Expires Aug 2026
27/10/2022	The Tap Room, Haddington	Awaiting S50	Expires Oct 2026
23/02/2023	Humbie Hub	No Update	Expires Feb 2027
30/03/2023	Buck and Birch	No update	Expires Mar 2027
28/09/2023	Carfrae Farm shop	No update	Expires Sep 2027
26/10/2023	Premier, Haddington	No update	Expires Oct 2027
23/11/2023	Garden City, Longniddry	No update	Expires Nov 2027
23/11/2023	The Tiffin Box, North Berwick	No update	Expires Nov 2027
25/04/2024	One Stop, Tranent	No update	Expires Apr 2028
23/05/2024	Tesco Express, Wallyford	No update	Expires May 2028
23/05/2024	Lido, Musselburgh	No update	Expires May 2028
29/08/2024	Papple steading	No update	Expires Aug 2028
29/08/2024	Costcutter, Tranent	No update	Expires Aug 2028
29/09/2024	Premier Store, Dunbar	No update	Expires Sep 2028
30/01/2025	Greywalls Hotel	No update	Expires Jan 2029
30/01/2025	Company Bakery	No update	Expires Jan 2029
Confirmation	Outstanding	18	

Overview of 2025

Month	Premises licences	Provisional Premises Licence	Confirmations	Premises Reviews	Premises Surrendered	Premises Revoked	Premises ceased
Jan-24	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Feb-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar-24	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Apr-24	1	1	2	0	0	0	1
May-24	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Jun-24	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jul-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aug-24	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Sep-24	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oct-24	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Nov-24	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Dec-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	4	6	3	3	1	3

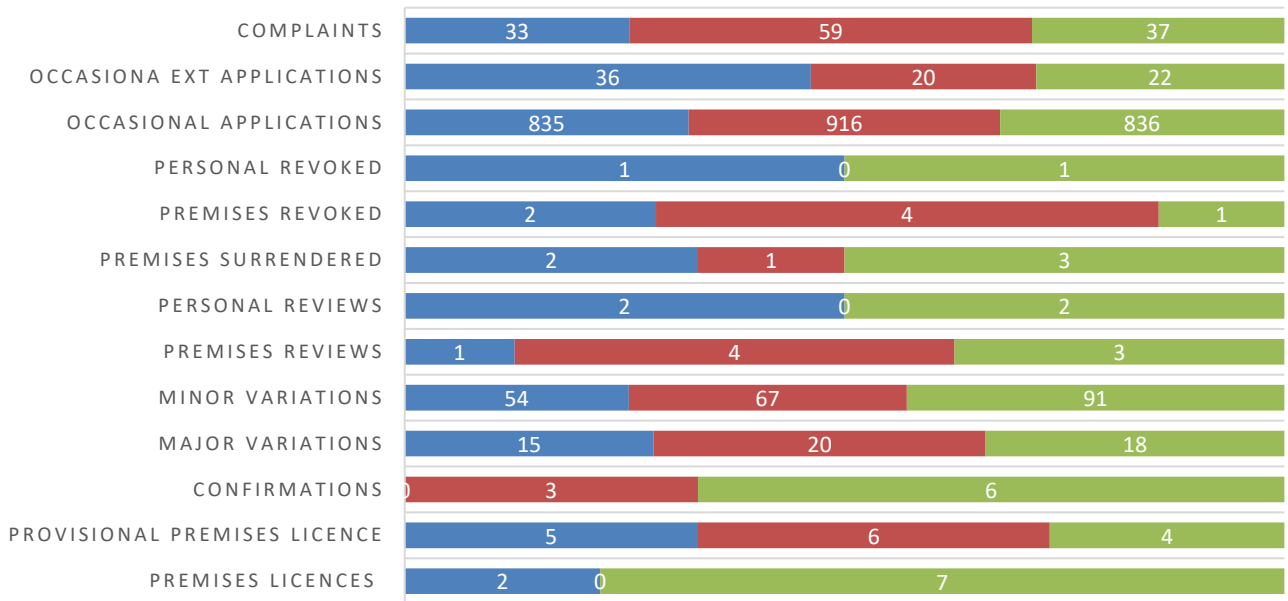
Month	Major Variations	Minor Variations
Jan-24	2	7
Feb-24	0	3
Mar-24	1	6
Apr-24	3	10
May-24	2	12
Jun-24	3	6
Jul-24	0	9
Aug-24	0	6
Sep-24	2	9
Oct-24	3	11
Nov-24	2	6
Dec-24	0	6
Total	18	91

Month	Personal Reviews	New Personal Licences	Personal Revoked at review
Jan-24	2	20	1
Feb-24	0	14	0
Mar-24	0	25	0
Apr-24	0	14	0
May-24	0	12	0
Jun-24	0	16	0
Jul-24	0	15	0
Aug-24	0	8	0
Sep-24	0	12	0
Oct-24	0	13	0
Nov-24	0	16	0
Dec-24	0	6	0
Total	2	171	1

Month	Occasional Applications	Occasional Reports to Board	Occasional Ext Applications	Complaints
Jan-24	103	0	1	3
Feb-24	69	5	0	2
Mar-24	54	0	0	3
Apr-24	121	3	2	2
May-24	120	5	12	6
Jun-24	54	2	3	2
Jul-24	59	0	1	3
Aug-24	40	0	1	3
Sep-24	69	2	0	5
Oct-24	81	0	0	2
Nov-24	66	2	2	4
Dec-24	27	0	0	2
Total	863	19	22	37

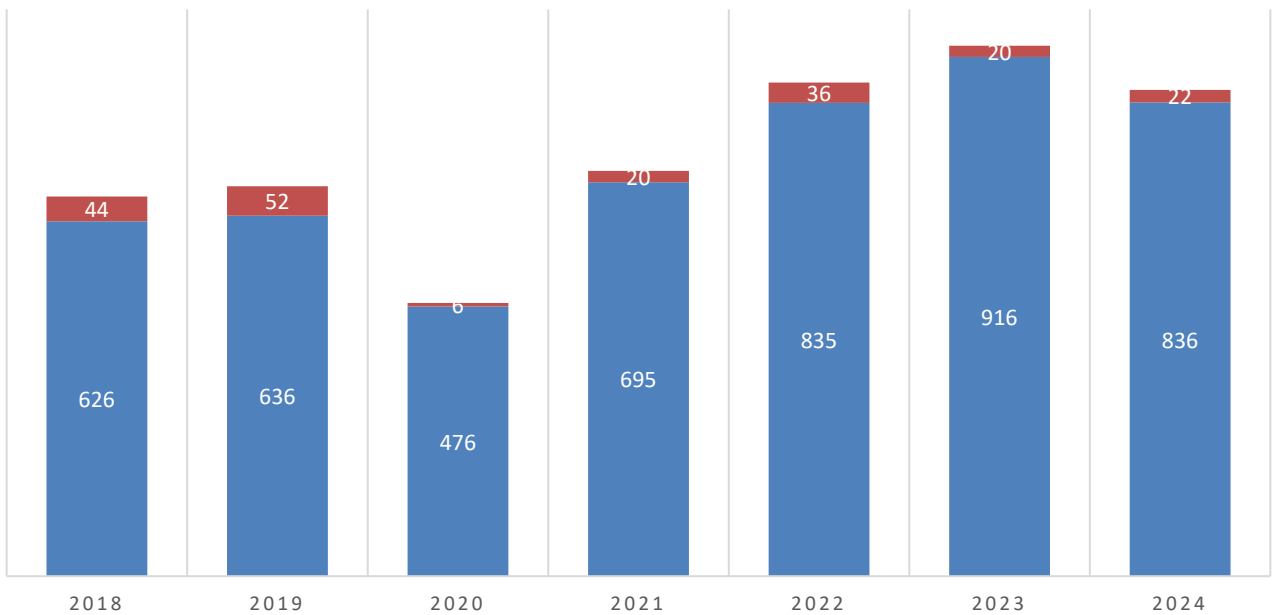
YEARLY BREAKDOWN

■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024



OCCASIONAL AND EXTENDED HOURS APPLICATIONS

■ Occasional Applications ■ Occasiona Ext Applications



Marketing the Forum

The LSO has been promoting the forum whilst on visits.

Pre-inspection letters

Letters with information about the statement of licensing policy and helpful resources are being distributed to all licensed premises. Inspections will take place after all letters delivered.

MUP update

On 1st May 2024, the Minimum Unit Price for alcohol increased from 50p to 65p. Since this time checks have been done on a number premises which have been mostly compliant. Initial LSO's across the country were finding that larger chain supermarkets had not updated products correctly especially those where loyalty card schemes were active. Many smaller retailers having lower stock levels were able to change more easily. Guidance have been given in relation to any noncompliance.

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