

Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards
North Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board
Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy
Context and Profile of North Aberdeenshire
30th November 2007 – 29th November 2010

A Profile of North Aberdeenshire

Aberdeenshire is a predominantly rural area in the north east of Scotland. Traditionally, it has been economically dependent upon the primary sector (agriculture, fishing, forestry) and related processing industries. Within the last 35 years, the emergence of the oil and gas industry and the development of the service sector have broadened Aberdeenshire's economic base, leading to rapid population growth.

Aberdeenshire extends to 6,313 sq km (2,437 sq miles), representing 8% of Scotland's overall territory. The landscape varies from mountainous Cairngorms, through rich agricultural lowlands to rugged coastline. North Aberdeenshire represents one third of that Area.

Aberdeenshire's population represents 4.6% of Scotland's total, and has risen over 50% since 1971. Major towns in North Aberdeenshire are Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Turriff, Banff and Macduff. The population currently has a relatively high proportion of under 20s and fewer over 65s compared with the Scottish average, reflecting employment-driven in-migration in recent decades.

Aberdeenshire is divided into three Areas for the purposes of administration and provision of licensing services. These are North, Central and South Aberdeenshire. These areas reflect the old District Council boundaries.

North Aberdeenshire consists of the Buchan, Banff and Buchan and part of the Formartine Areas of Aberdeenshire.

Banff and Buchan's main settlements are Fraserburgh, Banff and Macduff. Fishing and agriculture are important industries, together with associated processing and service activity. The area is relatively self-contained, and in recent years has seen a small decline in population. It does, however, have marketable tourism assets in its spectacular coastline, attractive coastal villages and visitor attractions. Economic dependency, peripherality, and the future of the Common Fisheries/Agricultural Policies, are key issues.

Buchan's main settlements are Peterhead, Mintlaw, Cruden Bay and Boddam. Peterhead is the largest town in Aberdeenshire; the principal white fish landing port in Europe; and a major oil industry service centre. Equally important is the nearby gas terminal at St. Fergus. Attempts are being made to counter the negative effects of several recent key company closures and economic threats. Inland, the area is dependent upon agriculture, and many villages have seen a decline in population and services. Issues affecting the Banff and Buchan area also apply here, as does the future of the oil and gas industry.






Formartine's main settlement within North Aberdeenshire is Turriff. Formartine has experienced rapid population growth, particularly around Ellon and Old Meldrum, and in the southeast where development has spread outwith Aberdeen. By contrast, the area around Turriff retains strong dependency on the traditional agricultural economy. The area's coastline and rural environment also offer recreation potential.

The North Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board

The North Divisional Board consists of 10 members of Aberdeenshire Council with a quorum of 5 Members.

The current members of the Board are:-

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANVASSING OF BOARD MEMBERS IN RELATION TO APPLICATIONS IS AN OFFENCE.

The Board is supported by a Clerk, 2 Depute Clerks and administrative support staff.

The Clerk is Neil McDowall, Director of Law and Administration

The Depute Clerks are:- Fiona M. Stewart, James R. Buchan

The North Aberdeenshire Local Licensing Forum

Each Council (not licensing Board) must establish a Local Licensing Forum for their area. The Forum is supposed to be representative of the community as a whole and not individuals or organisations. The role of the Forum, is to advise the Licensing Board on general matters of policy and not individual cases.

Aberdeenshire Council has appointed 3 Local Licensing Forums, one for each divisional Licensing Board area.

The North Divisional Licensing Board and the North Local Licensing Forum will meet at least once a year. The North Local Licensing Forum will meet more often, at least four times per year, in public.

In formulating its Policy Statement, the North Licensing Board has taken account of the views, advice and recommendations of the North Local Licensing Forum.

The North Licensing Forum consists of the following members:

Ms. Elizabeth May: Resident in the Forum Area

Mr. Neil Maitland Strachan: Aberdeenshire Alcohol & Drug Action Team

Mrs. Norma E. Thomson: Resident in the Forum Area

Mr. John M. Clark: licence holder of the Crown Inn, Turriff

Mr. Stanley Green MBE: Resident in the Forum Area

Mr. Douglas Driver: licence holder of the Station Bar, Peterhead

Mr. Sandy Allan: Resident in the Forum Area

Chief Inspector Colin J Walker: Grampian Police

Representative of Grampian Fire & Rescue Service

Licensing Standards Officer – to be appointed

Convener of the North Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board

Mr. David Strachan: Hospitality Section, Banff and Buchan College, Fraserburgh