

**Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards**  
**South Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board**  
**Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy**  
**Context and Profile of Aberdeenshire**  
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### **A Profile of 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 30 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.

Aberdeenshire's population represents 4.5% of Scotland's total, standing at 233,443 (2006), a 2.8% rise since 2003, and a 50% increase since 1971. Major towns are Peterhead (17,673), Fraserburgh (11,972), Inverurie (11,495), Stonehaven (10,731), Westhill (10,252) Ellon (9,693), Banchory (6,533) and Portlethen (6,646). The population has a higher proportion of younger age groups than the rest of Scotland, reflecting employment-driven in-migration in recent decades.

Aberdeenshire is divided into six Areas for the purposes of administration and provision of services. These are Banff and Buchan, Buchan, Formartine, Garioch, Marr and Kincardine and Mearns.

Banff and Buchan has a population of 34,983. Fishing and agriculture and 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 has a population of 38,684. 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 has a population of 38,782. 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.

Garioch has a population of 46,391. Centred on Inverurie, a traditional rural market town, Garioch has also experienced rapid growth due to its proximity to Aberdeen. Significant growth in population, services and employment is anticipated in the A96 corridor and in Westhill. The area is largely agricultural, but is also strongly affected by the City's economy and the oil and gas sector. Garioch holds growing potential for tourism in its environment and archaeological heritage.

Marr has a population of 34,397. To the west, the spectacular mountain environment of the Cairngorms National Park sustains a well-developed tourist industry based on heritage and outdoor pursuits. Forestry and livestock farming are key industries, particularly in remoter areas. To the east, Marr has experienced population growth due to its strong commuter links with the City.

Kincardine and Mearns has a population of 40,205. Transport links with Aberdeen have encouraged very rapid population growth, especially to the north of the area. Existing settlements such as Portlethen and Stonehaven have greatly expanded, along with industrial activity. The southern part is more self-contained, with the fertile Mearns area sustaining a strong agricultural economy. Small-scale tourism activity exists along its attractive coastline and former fishing villages.







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### **The South Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board**

The South Divisional Board consists of six members of Aberdeenshire Council with a quorum of three Members.

The current members of the Board are:

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

The Clerk is Neil McDowall, Director of Law and Administration

The Depute Clerk is Michele Pittendreigh.

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

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

The South Licensing Forum consists of the following members:

**Chairman: John L. Kinsella: resident in the Forum area and a licence holder**

**Chris Endersen, Regional Controller with C J Lang, who operate a number of retail outlets in Scotland;**

**Representative of Grampian Police, South Aberdeenshire Division, Divisional HQ, Blackhall Road, Inverurie, AB51, 3QD, Consultee of the system;**

**Representative of Grampian Fire & Rescue Service, 19 North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen, AB15 6DN;**

**Licensing Standards Officer – to be appointed;**

**Keith Simpson, Smoking Control Officer, Environmental Health;**

**Bruce Luffman, Convener of the South Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board;**

**Sandy Wallace, resident in the area and employed by an alcohol rehabilitation charity;**

**Michael Innes, resident in the area;**

**Grant Wiseman, licence holder in the area;**

**Elaine Youngman, employed as Alcohol & Drugs Development Officer with ADAT, Aberdeenshire Council.**