

Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards
Central Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board
Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy
Context and Profile of Central Aberdeenshire
30th November 2013 – 29th November 2016

General Information

- 1.1 Aberdeenshire is a predominantly rural area in the north east of Scotland. Traditionally, it has been economically dependent upon agriculture, fishing, forestry and related processing industries. Over the last 40 years, the development of the oil and gas industry and associated service sector has broadened Aberdeenshire's economic base. The population of Aberdeenshire is 247,600. Aberdeenshire has experienced the highest population growth in Scotland in recent years and represents 4.8% of Scotland's total.
- 1.2 Aberdeenshire is divided into three Areas, North, South and Central, for the purposes of administration and provision of licensing services.

Central Aberdeenshire

- 1.3 Central Aberdeenshire comprises of the South Formartine, Garioch and North Marr administrative areas of Aberdeenshire Council. The area covers agricultural heartland and also coastal nature reserves

South Formartine

Formartine has experienced rapid population growth, particularly around Ellon and Oldmeldrum and in the south east where development has spread from Aberdeen City. The population is getting older and the population of children has also increased. Lying at the heart of the Energetica Corridor employment and economic activity is set to continue to grow alongside the development of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and the dualling of the A90 between Balmedie and Tippetry. Formartine has a spectacular environment with protected and fantastic recreational and visitor attractions.

Garioch

Many of the Communities in Garioch have experienced rapid population growth in recent years and the population is expected to grow further by nearly 12% over the next decade – by far the fastest projected growth rate in Aberdeenshire. The Area's age profile has a higher representation of younger age groups than Aberdeenshire generally and an increasing ageing population. Inverurie, Westhill and Kintore are important work destinations also having a significant beneficial impact on the local economy.

North Marr

With nearly half of Aberdeenshire's landmass but only 15% of its people, Marr is the most sparsely populated area with an average of only 12 people per square kilometre. To the west is the spectacular mountain environment of the Cairngorms,

The Central Aberdeenshire Divisional Licensing Board

1.4 The Central Divisional Board consists of eight members of Aberdeenshire Council with a quorum of four Members.

1.5 The current members of the Board are:

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- 1.8 Please note that the canvassing of Board Members in relation to applications is an offence.
- 1.9 The Board is supported by a Clerk, 1 Depute Clerk and administrative support staff.
- 1.10 The Clerk is Karen Wiles, Head of Service, Legal and Governance, Corporate Services.
- 1.11 The Depute Clerk is Jill Joss.

Local Licensing Forums

- 1.18 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.
- 1.19 Aberdeenshire Council has appointed 3 Local Licensing Forums, one for each divisional Licensing Board area.
- 1.20 Each Licensing Board and the respective Forum will meet jointly at least once a year. Each Forum will meet more often, at least four times per year, in public.
- 1.21 In formulating its Policy Statement, the Central Licensing Board has taken account of the views, advice and recommendations of the Central Local Licensing Forum.
- 1.22 More information on the licensing forums can be found at:-

https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/licensing/local_forums/

- 1.23 The forums also have a discussion site where members of the public can discuss licensing or alcohol issues in their local area. More information can be found at:-

https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/licensing/local_forums/discussion.asp