

Fife Licensing Board

Licensing Board Policy Consultation 2023

Fife Licensing Board has published for consultation, its draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the period November 2023 to November 2028 and you are invited to submit your comments by 30th September 2023.

Through the policy statement, the Board wishes to promote the five statutory licensing objectives:

- Preventing crime and disorder
- Securing public safety
- Preventing public nuisance
- Protecting and improving public health
- Protecting children and young persons from harm

The draft Statement builds on the policy and practices set out in the Board's current Statement. The draft Statement includes the Board's expectations of applicants for licences relating to premises that provide outside seating areas, carryout promotions of alcohol and allow deliveries of alcohol from the premises. The Statement also amends its policy relating to occasional licences, extended hours applications and general extensions of licensed hours for the Festive period.

Overprovision

The Board has to include a statement in the policy as to the extent to which the Board considers there to be an overprovision of licensed premises or premises of a particular type in any locality in the Board's area. Overprovision is where there are too many premises selling alcohol in a particular area.

During preparation of the draft Statement, the Board received a report from NHS Fife Public Health Department titled 'Recommendations to Fife Licensing Board relating to the Assessment of Overprovision, dated August 2023. The report including a map of the area can be requested by contacting:

Liquor.Admin@fife.gov.uk

The Board is considering the information provided in the report by NHS Fife and wants to hear your views on whether you consider there to be an overprovision of licensed premises, particularly off sales premises, in any part of Fife and encourages you to respond to the Consultation with your views.

Responding to this Consultation

**We are inviting written responses to this consultation until
30th September 2023.**

Please send your response by email to liquor.admin@fife.gov.uk

You may also send your response by post to the Liquor Licensing Team, Legal & Democratic Services, Fife Council, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, Fife. KY7 5LT.

The Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2023 – 2028 can be viewed online on the Licensing Page on Fife Council website:

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/business2/licences-and-permits-for-business/fife-licensing-board>

The current Statement can also be viewed online on the Council's website:

https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0021/192441/Statement_of_Licensing_Policy_2018_-_2023.docx

All respondents should be aware that the Fife Licensing Board is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and will have to consider any request made to it for information relating to the responses made to this consultation.

Following the closing date all responses will be analysed and considered by the Board along with any other available evidence.