

MEETING OF RENFREWSHIRE LICENSING BOARD FRIDAY

4 FEBRUARY 2022 at 10.00AM

**PRESENT**

Councillors Andy Steel, Bill Brown, Jane Strang, Jennifer Adam-McGregor, John McIntyre, Kevin Montgomery and Michelle Campbell

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Douglas Campbell, Depute Clerk, Aileen Easdon, Licensing Officer, Connie Lamb, Admin Assistant, Colin Dickson, LSO and Duncan Pole IT.

**1. APOLOGIES - Cllr John Hood and Cllr Jim Paterson**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

**3. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**

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**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- (a) Report by Clerk to the Licensing Board – Chief Constables Report to the Licensing Board - Agreed**
- (b) Minute of previous meeting on 15 November 2021 to be agreed- Agreed**

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Provisional(s) - Cited

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Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
1 BROADWAY NEWS 11 THORN BRAE JOHNSTONE PA5 8HF	MARYAM ISLAM C/O TLT SOLICITORS 80 HANOVER STREET EDINBURGH EH2 1EL	2 September 2021	Granted with conditions

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1 THE LAST POST COUNTY SQUARE PAISLEY PA1 1BP	POLICE SCOTLAND	15 September 2020	Grounds for review established. No action taken.

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Variation (Minor)(s) - DPM - Delegated for noting

	Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
1	B&M STORE 9 BRIDGE STREET LINWOOD PAISLEY PA3 3DB	EV RETAIL LIMITED	19 November 2021	Noted
2	NISA LOCAL 28 MCKENZIE STREET PAISLEY PA3 1LW	THE TRINITY PARTNERSHIP	22 October 2021	Noted
3	PIZZA HUT UNIT 2C BRAEHEAD SHOPPING CENTRE GLASGOW G51 4BN	PHR (NORTHERN EUROPE) LIMITED	6 October 2020	Noted
4	THE LANE 7 SHUTTLE STREET PAISLEY PA1 1YD	JOHN CODONA	2 November 2021	Noted

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5 THE PROJECTIONIST, HUNGRY HORSE HUNGRY HORSE UNIT 20 XSCAPE KINGS INCH ROAD RENFREW	GREENE KING BREWING & RETAILING LIMITED	19 November 2021	Noted

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Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
1 BIANCO E NERO FIRST FLOOR 5 ST JAMES STREET PAISLEY PA3 2HL	BEP PAISLEY LTD.	24 November 2021	Noted
2 GLASGOW DISTILLERY COMPANY LIMITED DEANSIDE ROAD HILLINGTON PARK GLASGOW G52 4XB	GLASGOW DISTILLERY COMPANY LIMITED	2 September 2021	Noted
3 J & B SCOTLAND PLANT BLYTHSWOOD ESTATE INCHINNAN ROAD RENFREW PA4 9EB	DIAGEO SCOTLAND LIMITED	30 November 2021	Noted

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	Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
4	MORRISONS BRIDGEWATER SHOPPING CENTRE ERSKINE PA8 7AA	WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS PLC	17 December 2021	Noted
5	TANNAHILLS 100 NEILSTON ROAD PAISLEY RENFREWSHIRE PA2 6EN	GREENE KING RETAILING LTD	25 November 2021	Noted
6	TENPIN XSCAPE DEVELOPMENT KINGS INCH ROAD BRAEHEAD RENFREW PA4 8XQ	GEORGICA LIMITED	16 December 2021	Noted
7	THE LANE 7 SHUTTLE STREET PAISLEY PA1 1YD	JOHN CODONA	28 November 2021	Noted

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1 KEYSTORE 245 LOCHFIELD ROAD DYKEBAR PAISLEY PA2 7JD	SYLAARO LTD	9 November 2021	Noted
2 SHELL HILLINGTON HILLINGTON ROAD GLASGOW G52 4BL	SHELL UK OIL PRODUCTS LIMITED	17 November 2021	Noted



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Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
1 WRIGHT STREET CONVENIENCE STORE 3 WRIGHT STREET RENFREW PA4 8BJ	HOLDSTAR GROCERY LTD	3 November 2021	Noted

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<b>Premises</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1 ASHTREE HOUSE HOTEL 7-9 ORR SQUARE PAISLEY PA1 2DL	PARTNERSHIP OF MAUREEN ANNE STEWART AND THOMAS JAMES STEWART	17 December 2021	Noted

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<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1 BOBBI TAYLOR	29 September 2021	Noted
2 HOLLY ANN BROWN	12 October 2021	Noted
3 JODIE MUIR	14 October 2021	Noted
4 GARRY WILLIAM NOON	14 October 2021	Noted
5 PAUL DAVID SIMPSON	15 October 2021	Noted
6 LINZI SCOTT	15 October 2021	Noted
7 TONI DEVLIN	14 October 2021	Noted
8 LORNA SMITH	18 October 2021	Noted

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9	ROWAN MARY HOUSTON		23 October 2021	Noted
10	ASHLEIGH REBECCA MCWILLIAMS		27 October 2021	Noted
11	ELAINE MCINULTY		27 October 2021	Noted
12	REBECCA BROADLEY		2 November 2021	Noted
13	MHAIRI IONA MUNRO		9 November 2021	Noted

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1 MARTIN SMITH	8 November 2021	Noted
2 GREGOR JAMES ARMSTRONG	11 November 2021	Noted
3 TOMASZ PIOTR WOJCIK	15 November 2021	Noted
4 ALLAN STEPHEN SALISBURY	16 November 2021	Noted
5 ISABELLA MCMAHON	19 November 2021	Noted
6 CLAIRE PARRACK	1 December 2021	Noted
7 BARRY JAMES FITCH	9 December 2021	Noted
8 DAVID WILLIAM MONTGOMERY	6 December 2021	Noted
9 JOE BRESLIN	2 December 2021	Noted

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10	PETER CRAIG LOCHANS		2 December 2021	Noted
11	RUSSELL FERGUSON		2 December 2021	Noted

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1 KAREN MCLAUGHLIN	15 October 2021	Noted

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- 1. Report by Clerk to the Licensing Board - Chief Constables Report to the Licensing Board - Agreed**



**To: Renfrewshire Licensing Board**

**On: 4 February 2022**

**Report by Clerk to the Licensing Board**

**Chief Constable's Report to the Licensing Board**

**1. Summary**

1.1 Section 12A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") requires the Chief Constable, on an annual basis, to provide a report to the Licensing Board setting out the Chief Constable's views about policing in connection with the 2005 Act in the Board's area and any steps taken, or intended to be taken, in that year or the following year, to prevent the sale or supply of alcohol to children or young people in that area.

1.2 Police Scotland have recently provided a report in respect of the above matters for the year to 31 March 2021. A copy of this report is attached as Appendix 1. The Board may wish to note that the figures shown at Appendix A to the Chief Constable's report in respect of the numbers of personal licence and minor variation applications received by the Board in the year 2020-2021 should be 69 and 63, rather than 128 and 62 as stated.

1.3 The Board has the power to request the Chief Constable or an officer nominated on his behalf to attend a meeting of the Board to discuss the terms of the report.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Board –

2.1.1. Note the content of the report attached as Appendix 1 to this report.



Kenneth Graham  
Clerk to the Licensing Board

APPENDIX 1

# RENFREWSHIRE Licensing Report 2020-2021



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SCOTLAND**  
Keeping people safe

## **Foreword**

In accordance with Section 12(A) Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 I provide the Annual Licensing Report for 2020/21.

I would like to thank you for working with policing to keep the people of Scotland safe in what has been an extremely demanding year. During these challenging times Police Scotland has continued to work closely with Local Authorities and key stakeholders and, collectively, we have played a crucial role in supporting the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, explaining the rules and encouraging our fellow citizens to do the right thing.

We have embraced new, flexible ways of working that have involved remote or home working where possible and the incorporation of new IT solutions. We have quickly adapted to these changes while continuing to provide a high standard of service to our communities.

We have also continued to deliver effective regulation of Liquor Licensing whilst taking full cognisance of the restrictions and requirements conferred by the Coronavirus Regulations. Our focus has been on preventing alcohol fuelled violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour along with supporting the national response to suppress the virus.

I would like to thank our many local partnerships and acknowledge the good work that they do; without their support we would not be able to maintain the high standard in licensing in the Renfrewshire area.

Police Scotland remains committed to working with others to achieve the licensing objectives. I am confident that through effective, collaborative working we will meet any challenges that may arise and will continue to improve licensing standards for the communities of Scotland.

**Iain Livingstone QPM**

Chief Constable

Police Service of Scotland

## **Police Scotland Licensing Overview –**

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit (VPLCU) sits within Safer Communities based at Dalmarnock Police Station, Glasgow.

The VPLCU upholds the two tier structure for licensing which supports both national and local priorities through service delivery. They have overall responsibility for determining and delivering national licensing strategy and policy, by providing advice, guidance and support to divisional licensing teams as well as undertaking other specialist functions.

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit is a specialist department which consists of a small team of officers, based in Glasgow. The officers within the unit work with divisional licensing teams and partner agencies to help shape policy and strategy around the police licensing function. They provide practical and tactical advice to police licensing practitioners, operational officers, supervisors and policing commanders.

The VPLCU seek to ensure that legislation governing the sale and supply of alcohol is applied consistently across the country and all opportunities are taken to stop the illegal or irresponsible sale, supply or consumption of alcohol with the intention of preventing and reducing crime and disorder.

During 2020/2021, from a licensing perspective, our particular focus was on the following;

- Scrutiny of the serious incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises.
- Working closely with Licensed Premises and Scottish Government to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic through the 4Es approach by engaging, explaining, educating and enforcing.
- Governance and ongoing development of the National ICT Licensing System, known as “Inn Keeper”, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of liquor and civic licensing administration and management. Police Scotland are currently working on upgrade to the National ICT system to ensure compliance with GDPR legislation.

Each of the 13 Local Policing Divisions have a licensing team responsible for the day to day management of licensing administration, complying with statutory requirements as well as addressing any issues that may arise within licensed premises in their local area.

## **LICENSING BOARD AREA**

The Licensing Board area is policed by Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division

Chief Superintendent David Duncan is the Local Police Commander with responsibility for all policing functions.

Temporary Chief Inspector James Kyle is the Local Area Commander for Renfrewshire with responsibility for the management of personnel, local service delivery, community engagement and partnership working to ensure local and national priorities are met for the reporting period.

Covering an area of 261 sq. km (101 sq. miles), Renfrewshire is bounded by the Firth of Clyde to the north, by East Renfrewshire to the south, by Inverclyde to the west, by North Ayrshire to the southwest, and by the City of Glasgow to the east. Renfrewshire is the ninth smallest Scottish council area in size, the ninth largest in population and the sixth highest in population density, with 54 per cent of its land used for agriculture. About one sixth of the area is developed, primarily for urban use.

Renfrewshire has a diverse economy which has benefited from the presence of Glasgow International Airport. Tourism is developing with historic attractions in Paisley (the Abbey, Town Hall, Coats Observatory, Museum and Art Gallery, and the Sma' Shot Cottages, Kilbarchan (Weavers Cottage), as well as several country parks in the council area. Iconic sites such as the Braehead Shopping Centre, the Soar Complex and Glasgow Airport, attract over 29 million visitors per year.

Renfrewshire has a rich history in effective partnership working which helps to deliver highly successful policing, impacting positively on local communities.

There are currently 444 licensed premises in Renfrewshire, 155 licensed off sales premises, 91 licensed premises for on sales only and 198 licensed premises for both on and off sales.

### **Local Policing Priorities**

The policing priorities for Renfrewshire, identified following public consultation and engagement are as follows;

- Protecting people at risk of Harm
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Violence, Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

### **Senior Officers**

The senior officers who hold responsibility for licensing within the area of Renfrewshire are as follows;

Licensing Department;

Head of Department - Temporary Chief Inspector Rebecca Gregson.

Licensing Inspector - David Christie

Licensing Sergeant - Ian Robertson.

### **OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**

Alcohol misuse, exacerbated by its accessibility, availability and affordability, is commonly acknowledged as a contributory factor in incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Police Scotland continues to work with its partner agencies, including the licensed trade, to reduce the impact alcohol misuse has on local communities. By working together we can target those who fail or simply refuse to promote responsible trading practices. Together we can improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland.

#### **Partnerships**

Partnership working is key to delivering tangible outcomes and we continue to strengthen our relationships with all agencies, community representatives and local residents to ensure our services are co-ordinated, effective and efficient and address the needs of our communities

#### **“I am Me”**

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division works in partnership with “**I Am Me**” providing a network of local businesses to create ‘Keep Safe’ places for disabled, vulnerable, and elderly people. There are currently 164 Keep Safe places in the Division, 29 of them are licensed premises. The Keep Safe Ambassador Programme is also going from strength to strength in the Division and now has 50 High School Ambassadors, 12 Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Ambassadors, 40 Ambassadors with a learning disability and 9 Keep Safe Ambassador trainers across the Division. This provides vulnerable sections of the community areas where they can safely report crime. Such areas have been set up in the central business district where there is a higher proportion of on/off sales premises.

#### **“Street Stuff”**

Street Stuff is a diversionary project which has been running in Renfrewshire since 2009, aimed at diverting young people away from disorder and antisocial behavior. The partnership consists of Renfrewshire Council, St Mirren Football Club, Engage Renfrewshire, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and offers a range of free activities including football, dance and a youth bus. The program recently received additional funding from the Council to respond to issues identified by the Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Commission and target areas of poverty and

deprivation. The Street Stuff network provides diversionary activities, reducing levels of alcohol fueled disorder. Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Licensing fully supports such diversionary activities. The campaign has been adversely impacted by the COVID pandemic during the past year however will restart on the easing of lockdown.

### **Radiolink**

The Radiolink system continues to provide direct links between CCTV operators and various licensed premises within Paisley, ensuring a swift and effective police response to incidents as well as providing reassurance to staff.

### **Night Time Economy – Town Centre Plan**

Local community police officers undertake dedicated night-time economy policing plan which focuses on alcohol related incidents, antisocial behaviour, violence and drugs misuse. Its objective is to ensure the safety, wellbeing and enjoyment of the public. It provides a targeted and coordinated approach to deter, detect and disrupt antisocial behaviour. Officers engaged in this plan work closely with Community Wardens and Street Pastors.

### **Seasonal Fireworks Disorder**

Renfrewshire Inverclyde Licensing working in conjunction with Community Safety Partnerships created multi-agency plans to reduce Fireworks related Violence and Assaults.

This initiative involved partnership with the Fire Service, Community Wardens, and Community Safety Analysts. The licensing teams shared analytical data regarding disorder hotspots, offender profiles and safety plans. The licensing team increased visits to off sales premises selling alcohol identifying correlation between alcohol consumption and risk taking behaviours. Previous offenders were visited thereby reducing pathways to reoffending behaviour. The Licensing team distributed advisory material for premises selling fireworks. This has contributed to reduction of Fireworks related disorder incidents.



## **Building Safer & Greener Communities - “Your Home, Your Street our Community”**

The Building Safer & Greener Communities multi-agency tasking group was set up in Renfrewshire in April 2016 to focus on the Building Safer Communities National Strategy of reducing victims of crime and victims of unintentional harm. This is achieved through interventions in key communities to help them build capacity to resolve issues affecting their areas.

Analysts from the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership select areas for this programme using a range of data including:

- Drug supply and possession;  
Crimes of Violence;
- Public reports of antisocial behaviour and disorder;
- Environmental issues such as dog fouling, fly tipping, vandalism and graffiti;
- The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

In 2020-2021, the programme was scheduled to be delivered in “**Renfrew Town Centre**” following a successful campaign in “Paisley Town Centre” in 2019-2020, however due to the COVID pandemic was temporarily suspended. The programme will recommence on the easing of lockdown restrictions.

The programme is a great example of partnership working tackling a wide range of issues in the area identified by the residents which couldn't be tackled by only one organisation in the programme

## **“No Knives Better Lives”**

This is a national initiative and aims to raise awareness of the consequences of carrying knives and provides information on local activities and opportunities for young people. It is recognised that alcohol consumption influences risk taking behaviors.

‘No Knives, Better Lives’ training toolkit has been cascaded to secondary schools in Renfrewshire. Street Stuff have also been utilising those lesson plans.

The campaign has been adversely impacted due to the COVID pandemic however following positive feedback from schools in previous years, will restart after the easing of lockdown.

## **The Slide Serious & Organised Crime Toolkit**

Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, police have devised an educational pack for young people that shows the devastating effects of Serious Organised Crime. "The Slide" is a specially-created film that details a young man's downward spiral into criminality from his teenage years into early adult life. David,



the star of the film, is 13-years-old when he tries drugs and alcohol for the first time. This is the beginning of a series of negative life choices, which results in him committing various offences and becoming a member of a Serious Organised Crime Group. After completing a prison sentence David becomes trapped in the crime group and is threatened by other members when he tries to leave. He subsequently becomes the victim of a serious attack by a rival crime group. Part of this training package demonstrates the dangers associated with counterfeit alcohol, tobacco and intellectual counterfeit goods.

The vast majority of Scotland's youths will never commit a criminal offence, or have any negative engagement with the criminal justice system. However, it is essential that we work closely with our partners to deter young people from making bad decisions, which can seriously impact upon their future. "The Slide might be a fictional film, but the scenario that develops is one we have seen many times before and we want to demonstrate to those attending the seminars that there is nothing glamorous about a life of crime.

This educational pack has been made in close collaboration with a range of partners and demonstrates a joint commitment to keeping our children safe from harm and ensuring they have all the information they require to make positive lifestyle choices." "The Slide" which highlights the grim reality of becoming involved in serious organised crime. It is important that young people in particular can see the reality and potential consequences of making the wrong the choices and the impact these can have on not only themselves but their wider circle of family and friends.

This has been delivered to Schools and Youth Groups throughout Renfrewshire. Working in partnership with Street Stuff this training session was delivered to children from the Kibble secure centre. Some of those children are considered of being vulnerable of being exploited by Serious and Organised Crime Groups.

### **DON'T ASK FOR IT - Proxy Purchase Campaign**

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Police launched its "Don't Ask for it" Proxy Purchase Campaign during the year.

This Campaign focused on hot spot areas with Educational interventions supported by third sector partners.

The main aims of the campaign were to

- Reduce the number of attempted purchases of alcohol for under 18s.
- Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the area.
- Reduce the vulnerability of those abusing alcohol under 18.
- Reduce the number of hospital admissions for under 18s with alcohol related injuries.
- Educate the public regarding the offence and dangers of proxy purchase within our communities.

- Educate Off-Sales and Licensed Premises to highlight the dangers of Proxy Purchase and operate within the Licensing Objectives.

The success of initiatives such as “Challenge 25” and joint work with Renfrewshire Council have reduced the direct sale of alcohol to those under 18, however alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour illustrate that younger age groups are increasingly gaining access to alcohol by other proxy sales. The most common method involves asking adults to buy alcohol for them.

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 makes it an offence for a person to act as an agent for a child in purchasing or attempting to purchase alcohol’. This is known as proxy purchase. The penalties for this offence include a fine of up to £5000 and/or three months in prison.

A social media campaign was run including the hiring of a digital advertising board. Major retailers were approached to support the campaign, smaller off-sales received promotional briefing packs explaining the benefits of the campaign to staff and customers. This included posters and stickers to display within their premises reiterating the campaigns aims and supporting retailers in preventing the sale of alcohol to under 18s.

St Mirren Football Club were approached with a view to gaining support and promotional opportunities. ‘Street Stuff’ gave their support to the campaign. Promotional material was obtained and submitted to students at WEST College and University of WEST Scotland.

Officers within the Divisional Coordination unit were varied to carry out intervention and enforcement of the campaign across the Division from March 2020, however this has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

### **Problem Solving**

Police Scotland currently have 3 levels for categorising licensed premises that come to our attention:

- Monitored – Premises that require extra support and supervision. This can include premises coming to police attention through incidents or newly opened premises with inexperienced staff. A low key approach is used to address issues before they escalate.
- Intervention – A formal intervention agreement is put in place to improve the safe and legitimate operation of a premises. This intervention plan, which contains a list of conditions, is agreed between all parties. The intervention period would last a minimum of three months and be subject to review.
- Problematic – Premises deemed problematic will normally be the subject of a premises licence review submission by Police Scotland to the Licensing Board.

Any categorised premises will be subject to regular inspections to ensure compliance and will form part of the tasking regime for the night time economy action plans. All inspections, pro-active, re-active or planned are submitted via the Innkeeper system.

Figures for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 show that there were a total of 10 premises within Renfrewshire which were monitored and subject to regular inspections. Five of the premises were subject of a premises review and two of the premises DPM's were subject of personal licence reviews.

## **Summary**

Appendices A and B provide details of all crimes/offences detected within Renfrewshire and the volume of applications processed by Police Scotland for licensed premises within Renfrewshire in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

**Section 1 – Unlicensed sale of alcohol** – There were no offences of this nature reported.

**Section 22 – Objections and Representations** – Three representations were submitted by Police Scotland in response to the grant of new premises licences.

**Section 36 – Review Applications** – Five premises were subject to a review application.

**Section 63 – Sale or supply out-with licensed hours** – There were no offences of this nature reported.

**Section 72 – Personal Licence Applications** – One submissions was made to the Licensing Board during the period.

**Section 82 – Failure to notify Licensing Board of convictions** – Two persons were charged for failing to disclose convictions to Board.

**Section 84 – Personal Licence Reviews** – Four individuals were subject of a personal licence review.

**Section 94 – Exclusion Orders** – There were no exclusion orders.

**Section 97 – Closure Orders** – There have been no closure orders issued.

**Section 104 – Buy/attempt to buy alcohol on behalf of a child** - Three individuals were charged for committing this offence during the period.

**Section 108 – Deliver alcohol to person under the age of 18** – One person was charged for committing this offence during the period.

**Section 111-116 – Drunkenness/Disorder Offences** - Four persons were charged under these sections during this period.

**The total number of offences recorded under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 within Renfrewshire has fallen from 13 in 2019-2020 to 10 in 2020-2021, the reduction may be due in part to the majority of premises being closed due to the pandemic.**

### **TACKLING SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME (SOC)**

The Serious Organised Crime Taskforce was set up to ensure Scotland can respond robustly to the threat posed by organised crime, identify improvements, and ensure all agencies are working to the same aims to raise public awareness. Membership of the group includes the Solicitor General; the Police Service of Scotland; the Prison Service; Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC); National Crime Agency (NCA); Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE); Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS) and Scottish Business Resilience Centre (SBRC).

Its remit is to work together to help deliver the Scottish Government's commitment to tackling serious organised crime by:

- Identifying priorities for tackling serious organised crime (SOC) in Scotland.
- Sharing best practice and improving co-ordination between law enforcement agencies and others;
- Identifying innovative ways of working together and encouraging better ways of working together;
- Developing a coherent Scottish response on reserved and other SOC issues; and
- Making proposals for legislation, research and other measures to tackle SOC.

There are several groups operating within the Renfrewshire area, some of which have connections to the licensed trade, via licensed premises, second hand dealers, tanning salons and car wash facilities. Police Scotland, in conjunction with our partner agencies, have identified innovative ways to disrupt such organisations who are targeted through multi-agency days of action. Whilst it can be difficult to link these groups to serious crimes, targeting other crimes has proven to be a useful tool in disrupting their operations.

## **PROPOSED ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

### **Test Purchase Operations**

Further recruitment of young people will ensure these operations continue to be carried out by Police Scotland throughout 2021 and 2022.

### **Enforcement Operations**

The Licensing department will continue to plan and co-ordinate multi agency operations with officers from Home Office Immigration Enforcement (HOIE), Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Renfrewshire Council targeting all forms of licensed premises and persons within the area.

### **Licensing Seminar**

This annual event for the Renfrewshire liquor trade will continue to be part of the divisional safety campaign moving forward however was not undertaken in 2020-2021 due to the COVID pandemic.

Licensing staff will liaise with partners to identify appropriate topics for discussion as well as a suitable venue.

### **Conclusion**

To conclude we would like to thank you for your continued support during what has been a challenging year for all. We have all had to adapt to a new way of working and ever changing circumstances which has been embraced by all.

We look forward to a safe and healthy 2021/2022

**APPENDIX A**

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Review Applications 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020– 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Renfrewshire Board Area

<b>Type of Application</b>	<b>Total</b>
Section 36 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for Review of Premises Licence	5
Section 84A Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – application for review of personal licence due to conduct inconsistent with licensing objectives	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Applications Received 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Renfrewshire Board Area

<b>Type of Application</b>	<b>Total</b>
Premises Licence	3
Provisional Premises Licence	5
Confirmation	4
Extended Hours	0
Major Variation	16
Minor Variation	62
Occasional Licence	611
Personal Licence	128
Premises Transfer	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>

**APPENDIX B**

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Number of Crimes and Offences 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Renfrewshire Board Area

<b>Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Total</b>
Section 82 (2) & (5)	Being personal licence holder did fail to give notice of conviction to Licensing Board	2
Section 104 (a)(1)(a)	Purchase alcohol for persons under the age of 18	3
Section 108 (3) (a)	Being responsible person did deliver alcohol to person under the age of 18	1
Section 111 (2)	Being on relevant premises were incapable of taking care of yourself	1
Section 113 (1)	Being responsible person sell alcohol to someone who was drunk	2
Section 116 (1)	Refusing to quit a licensed premises	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>