

Appeal for new members to Local Licensing Forum

Are you someone who is keen to support the safe and regulated sale of alcohol across the Scottish Borders?

The Local Licensing Forum is appealing for new members to come forward from the community. The Forum is the community's voice on liquor licensing issues. If you are interested in the impact of the licensing decisions in your area then you may wish to be part of the local Forum.

The role of the Local Licensing Forum

The Forum's role is to keep under review the operation of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in its area and to give advice and make recommendations to Scottish Borders Licensing Board in relation to those matters. The Forum cannot comment on individual cases before the Board and its role is directed mainly at policy. The Scottish Borders Licensing Policy Statement is due for renewal in November 2018 and the Forum is a key consultee in that process.

Membership

It is hoped the Forum membership will include:

- persons resident within the Forum's area;
- young people;
- persons having functions relating to health, education or social work;
- holders of premises licences and personal licences (licensees); and
- the Chief Constable for the Police area in which the Forum's area is situated.

Commitment

The Forum meets at least four times a year at quarterly intervals and will have one joint meeting with the Licensing Board each year. This is an unpaid role, however, travel expenses will be met.

Interested?

Applications forms and further information on the role of the Forum are available to download at https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20025/licensing/717/local_licensing_forum

Alternatively you can contact Ian Tunnah, Licensing Standards Officer, Scottish Borders Council either by telephone 01835 825246 or e-mail itunnah@scotborders.gov.uk

Completed applications should be returned to Mrs Fiona Walling, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 OSA **no later than 16 April 2018.**