THE HIGHLAND LICENSING BOARD

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

EXTENDED HOURS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS OF LOCAL OR NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Sections 2.2 - 2.3 of The Highland Licensing Board's Licensing Policy Statement 2013-2018 set out the Board's general policy in relation to applications for extended opening hours. Section 2.3 sets out, in particular, the extended hours which the Board is likely to grant over the Christmas and New Year period each year.

1.2 Statutory and public consultation on whether the Board should introduce a supplementary policy statement on extended hours likely to be granted for other special events of local or national significance took place in March and April 2015.

1.3 Following consideration of the responses to this consultation on 12 May 2015 the Board agreed to adopt a supplementary policy statement in the terms set out below.

1.4 This supplementary statement will have effect during the remainder of the period of the Board's main Licensing Policy Statement which has been extended to 4 November 2018.

2.0 Special events of local or national significance

2.1 The Board has identified the following as special events of local or national significance for which it will generally grant applications for extended hours unless, in any particular case, the Board considers that there are reasons to refuse the application.

- Halloween (31 October and the Friday and Saturday nights immediately before and after 31 October)
- Burns Night (25 January and the Friday and Saturday nights immediately before and after 25 January)
- St Andrews Night (30 November and the Friday and Saturday nights immediately before and after 30 November)
- The National Mod (generally eight nights, Friday to Friday)
- Loopallu Music Festival, Ullapool (Friday and Saturday nights only)

- Local Highland Games
- Loch Broom Skiff Regatta (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only)
- Scottish Six Day Trials, Lochaber (Friday and Saturday nights only)
- UCI Mountain Bike World Cup, Lochaber (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only)

2.2 Extended hours for other special events of local or national significance, including major sporting events taking place in the Highland area, may also be granted by the Board where it is considered that the grant will not conflict with any of the licensing objectives. The above list of events is accordingly indicative only.

2.3 The Board also has discretionary power to grant extended hours for other special events which are not of local or national significance but which are to be catered for on particular premises.

3.0 Extended hours

3.1 As in the case of the festive period, if granting extended hours for any special event of local or national significance, the Board will generally permit extension to the following terminal hours unless, in any particular case, the Board considers that there are reasons not to do so.

- Late opening premises (as defined in section 2.1 of the Board's Licensing Policy Statement 2013 – 2018): 0400 hours
- Other on-sales premises: 0200 hours

3.2 When granting applications for such extended hours, additional conditions may be applied by the Board if considered necessary or expedient for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives.

4.0 Special events of local significance only

4.1 Extended hours for a special event of local significance will generally be permitted only at premises situated within the locality of the event. This will usually be the town or village in which the event takes place.

4.2 For certain large events, however, such as the National Mod, the Board may consider granting extended hours at premises in surrounding towns or villages where accommodation for attendees is being provided in such locations.

5.0 Applications for extended hours

5.1 Subject to section 5.2 below, extended hours opening for any special event of local or national significance will only be permitted where an application under section 68 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 has first been lodged with and granted by the Board in consultation with Police Scotland and the Licensing Standards Officer.

5.2 Exception to this will be made only in the case of extended hours over the festive period and only in the case of premises which have, within the "Seasonal Variations" section of their operating plan, a statement that they will open for such extended hours as the Board may agree each festive period.

5.3 In all other cases of special events of local or national significance an application under section 68 of the Act will be required. Any existing "Seasonal Variation" statement which purports to authorise extended opening hours for any special event (other than the festive period) will not be treated as licence to open for such extended hours.