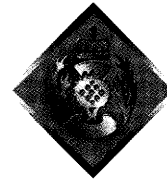


Date: 31 May 2012



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POLICE

Your Ref:
Our Ref: L300

CHIEF CONSTABLE
Stephen House QPM

As a result of the investigation, it is confirmed that the following information is correct:

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Stirling Road

**CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT TO ARGYLL & BUTE LICENSING
BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD 01/04/2011 – 31/03/2012**

INTRODUCTION

This report has been produced for the information of Argyll & Bute Licensing Board and Argyll & Bute Licensing Forum in accordance with Section 12A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The report relates to police performance and activities undertaken in the financial year April 2011 to March 2012 and is in two distinct parts:

Part 1: contains the Chief Constable's views about matters relating to policing in connection with the operation of the Act in the Board's area during the reporting year. It also looks forward and identifies areas he intends to address or focus on in the coming year.

Part 2: highlights the steps that officers have taken, or intend to take, to prevent the sale or supply of alcohol to children or young people in the Board's area.

Argyll & Bute is a beautiful sparsely populated area covering approximately 10% of Scotland while housing only 92,000 people.

The area relies a great deal on tourism to support the local economy.

Licensed premises contribute greatly to the tourist industry and as such it

becomes vital that these premises are policed positively and proactively in line

with the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Licensing Objectives

PART 1: OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

Introduction

Area Inspectors and local officers regularly attend licensed premises for routine inspections in relation to compliance with the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Each day the area Inspector also reviews all police incidents relating to licensed premises in their areas.

Following this review and discussion at the sub-divisional morning meeting the area Inspector or their designated sergeant attends at the premises.

There he reviews the incident in line with the premises behaviour in line with the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, Licensing Objectives. This review takes the form of a general discussion regarding the operation of the premises in line with the Licensing Objectives. Where the premises is found to fall short of these Objectives the attending officer will commence a Police Intervention highlighting the premises shortfalls in line with the Licensing Objectives. At this time the officer gives the premises recommendations in line with these objectives and a period of time to comply. At the end of the period of time allocated the area Inspector reviews the premises efforts to comply with these recommendations and uses this to decide whether the premises have made

c) Looking ahead (2012-2013) - Particular views about matters relating to policing in connection with the operation of the Act in the Board's area for the coming year and any areas identified for development.

'L' Division will continue to visit all licensed premises at various times but will

Inspections will assist the police in tackling failure to conform to the Licensing Objectives while offering further support to the premises.
Divisional enquiry has revealed an issue with regard to alcohol sales outside licensed hours. This will be strictly policed and where premises are identified

Where an area is known for alcohol related youth problems and there is information that the alcohol is being purchased locally we will consider the use of an organised Test Purchase Operation targeting licensed premises in these areas. We will continue to work with our partner agencies in identifying these