

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 20 FEBRUARY 2008

SUBJECT: TOBACCO SALES LICENSING (SCOTLAND) BILL

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To Committee is asked to make a response to the consultation on proposals to licence the sale of tobacco products.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D (28) of the Council's Administrative Scheme to deal with all matters relating to Trading Standards.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee: -

- (a) Consider the draft consultation response appended to this report, and**
- (b) Agrees the response as drafted, or following such amendments as the Committee sees fit.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Tobacco Sales Licensing (Scotland) Bill is a private members Bill that seeks to introduce a licensing system for tobacco sales. An extensive consultation document accompanies the Bill. A copy has been placed in the Member's library.
- 3.2 The Council has responsibility for regulating sales of tobacco products to under 18s.
- 3.3 The consultation poses a number of specific questions. The draft response is based on these questions.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) There are no implications for the Corporate Development Plan / Community Plan / Service Improvement Plan**
- (b) There are no policy and legal or, resources issues.**
- (c) There have been no consultations.**

5. CONCLUSION

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee: -

- (a) Consider the draft consultation response appended to this report, and**
- (b) Agrees the response as drafted, or following such amendments as the Committee sees fit.**

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Background Papers: Proposed Tobacco Sales Licensing (Scotland) Bill – A Consultation. Copy in Members library or via www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/MembersBills/pdfs/TobaccoSalesConsultation.pdf

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