



National Licensing Forum

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National Licensing Forum Briefing note following meeting held on

12th March 2015

1. The meeting of the National Licensing Forum (NLF) was held at Brewers' Hall, Aldermanbury Square, London on 12th March 2015.
2. Members agreed Daniel Davies as Chairman of the forum.

Super Strength Schemes

3. LGA Guidance has been published http://www.local.gov.uk/regulatory-services-and-licensing/-/journal_content/56/10180/6793034/ARTICLE
4. ACS and WSTA has also published guidance on the schemes. <http://www.acs.org.uk/advice/reducing-the-strength/>

SAG Guidance

5. The Emergency Planning College released Guidance for Safety Advisory Groups. <http://www.epcollege.com/>

Personal Alcohol Licence Renewals

6. The de-regulation bill is at the ping-pong stage.
7. The forum discussed the lack of consistency from local authorities in dealing with personal licence renewals.

Breathalysing Alco-meter Schemes

8. The forum discussed the benefits and consequences of such schemes that have been seen to be used across the country.





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Locally set Fees

9. It was confirmed that the Government was not introducing them at the present time but has asked the LGA to gather evidence of licensing authorities' costs in delivering licensing functions.

Entertainment de-regulation

10. The forum discussed the various de-regulations that were imminent, pending Royal Assent and Government approval, including films in community premises, TEN's limit increasing from 12 to 15 and late night refreshment de-regulation.

Interim Steps following summary reviews

11. The Home Office are currently looking at the current confusing situation regarding interim steps after a summary review.

Electronic Applications

12. The Autumn Statement announced Government's intention to introduce a single online application form for licensing by 2018. This work is being taken forward by the LGA and BRDO (BIS).

The NLF will meet again in the autumn of 2015.

