
Report to the Licensing Board

Date of Meeting: 26 March, 2026

Subject: General Extension of Licensed Hours – FIFA World Cup 2026

Report by: Clerk to the Licensing Board

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Licensing Board (The Board) to consider and agree its approach to licensed hours for premises in Clackmannanshire during the FIFA World Cup 2026.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Board:
- 2.2. Determine whether a general extension to licensed hours is available to all on sales licensed premises that have “televised sport” authorised in their operating plan be granted.
- 2.3. Approve the communication strategy in relation to the match Scotland v Haiti, to be played on Sunday 14 June, 2026, which kicks off at 0200hrs, in Appendix C.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. In May 2026 Fifa’s World Cup event will be hosted by United States of America. This means that a number of matches will be held in the early hours necessitating a possible extension to premises licences.
- 3.2. On 17 February 2026 an informal meeting of the Licensing Board took place to determine how to proceed with the issue of licensed premises holders. This followed initial consultation with premises licence holders to inform interest in extending opening hours. The Board members considered the implications of various decisions and considered input from Police Scotland. Furthermore, they weighed up the impact on the Licensing Objectives, namely:
- preventing crime and disorder,
 - securing public safety,

- preventing public nuisance,
 - protecting and improving public health, and
 - protecting children and young persons from harm.
- 3.3. The Licensing Board considered the contents of the 14 responses received from the consultation with Premises Licences holders. This consultation demonstrated that there was an interest locally from licence holders who wished to show the Scotland matches to patrons. The Board considered that the 02:00 kick off time for the Scotland v Haiti match on **Sunday 14 June, 2026** would be best managed using individual extended hours applications. The Board felt this was necessary to ensure the licensing objectives are upheld within Clackmannanshire. This approach will allow each venue who wishes to show the Scotland v Haiti match to be considered on an individual basis.
- 3.4. To this end, it is recommended that there is a general extension and communication strategy as outlined in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 above.
- 3.5. A general extension would permit the sale of alcohol for a period of 15 minutes after the conclusion of all Scotland matches scheduled to kick off within normal core hours. This covers the scheduled matches V Morocco and Brazil, and any further matches involving the Scotland team as the competition progresses out of the group stages.
- 3.6. The communication strategy in the appendix details the process and invites interested parties to apply for extended hours on an individual basis where they wish to televise any game that is scheduled to kick off after the end of core licensed hours.
- 3.7. There is no obligation on any qualifying premises to take advantage of these extended hours if they do not wish to do so.
- 3.8. Any premises which wish to remain open beyond the hours stated in paragraph 2.2 and 2.3 above will require to make an application for extended hours under Section 68 of the 2005 Act.
- 3.9. All qualifying premises which wish to open in accordance with the terms of this general extension outlined in recommendation 2.3 are reminded that the conditions of their premises licence remain in force whilst they are open and appropriate risk assessments should be undertaken to seek to ensure compliance with the 5 licensing objectives during the extended hours. N.B. The Board does not intend to ask premises to enforce the minimum entry charge in these circumstances

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. None

5.0 Resource Implications

- 5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. *Staffing*

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) Our Priorities

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) Council Policies

Complies with relevant Council Policies

8.0 Impact Assessments

8.1 Have you attached the combined equalities impact assessment to ensure compliance with the public sector equality duty and fairer Scotland duty? (All EFSIAs also require to be published on the Council's website)

Yes

8.2 If an impact assessment has not been undertaken you should explain why:

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

Appendix A - Report on consultation with Premises Licence Holders.

Appendix B - Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Section 142: guidance for Licensing Boards – FIFA World Cup 2026

Appendix C – Communication Strategy

Appendix D - Equality and Fairer Scotland Impact Assessment (EFSIA)

11.0 Background Papers

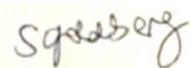
- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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Licensed business plans for World Cup coverage

This consultation was sent to all Premises Licence Holders in Clackmannanshire who have permission to show live televised sports as per their Operating Plan. To encourage participation, it was also publicised on Social Media platforms and picked up by the Alloa Advertiser. Please find below a report that has been produced which breaks down the responses to the consultation.

This report was created on Monday 16 February 2026 at 10:03

The activity ran from 30/01/2026 to 15/02/2026

Responses to this survey: **14**

Premises name

Premises name

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

Premises address

Premises address

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

Premises Licence Number

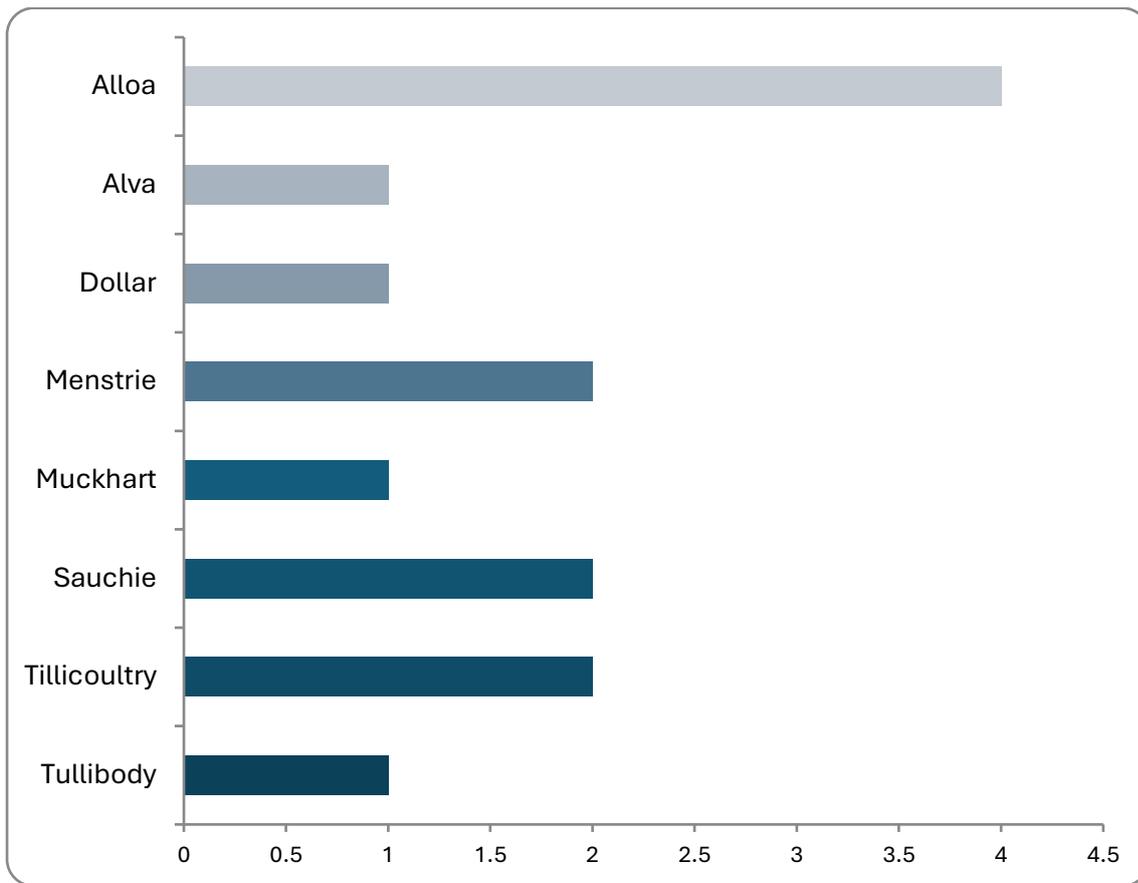
Premises licence number

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

Premises location

Premises location

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Alloa	4	28.57%
Alva	1	7.14%
Cambus	0	0.00%
Clackmannan	0	0.00%
Coalsnaughton	0	0.00%
Devon Village	0	0.00%
Dollar	1	7.14%
Fishcross	0	0.00%
Forestmill	0	0.00%
Glenochil Village	0	0.00%
Helensfield	0	0.00%
Kennet	0	0.00%
Marchglen	0	0.00%
Menstrie	2	14.29%
Muckhart	1	7.14%
Sauchie	2	14.29%
Tillicoultry	2	14.29%
Tullibody	1	7.14%
Other (please state below)	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

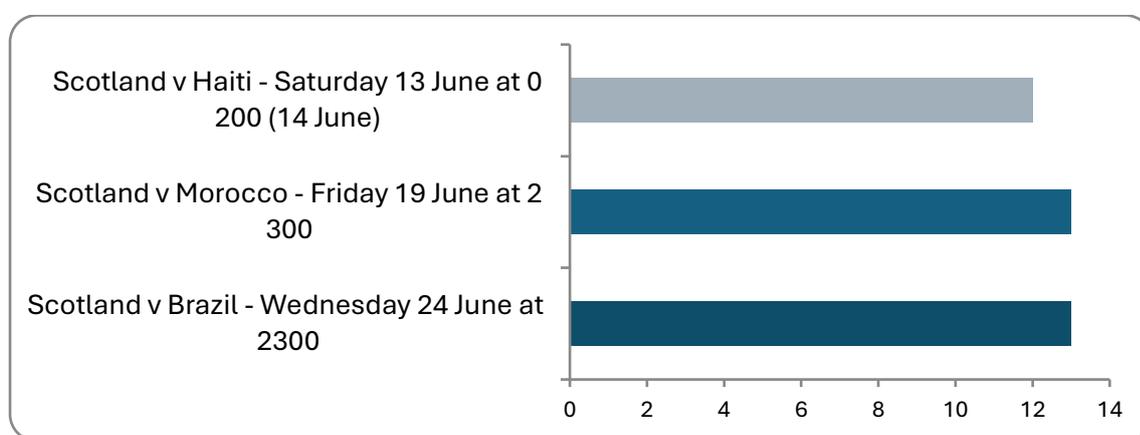
Other place name

There were 0 responses to this part of the question.

Scotland's group games are to kick off at 0200 and 2300 hours. Which games would you be likely to televise?

What games are you likely to televise

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

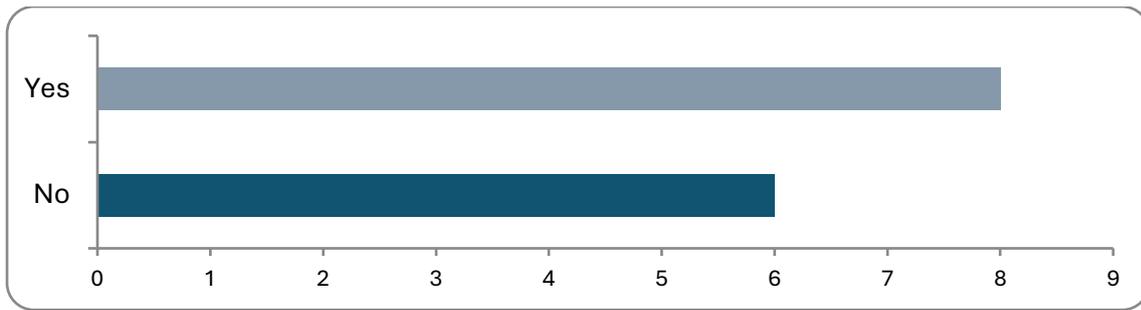


Option	Total	Percent
Scotland v Haiti - Saturday 13 June at 0200 (14 June)	12	85.71%
Scotland v Morocco - Friday 19 June at 2300	13	92.86%
Scotland v Brazil - Wednesday 24 June at 2300	13	92.86%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Would you consider employing SIA accredited stewards for the games?

Would you consider SIA accredited stewards

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

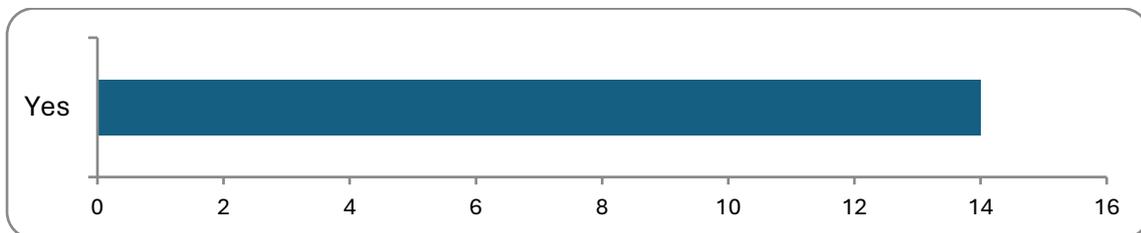


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	8	57.14%
No	6	42.86%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Would you consider issuing/selling tickets to ensure maximum capacity is controlled?

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There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

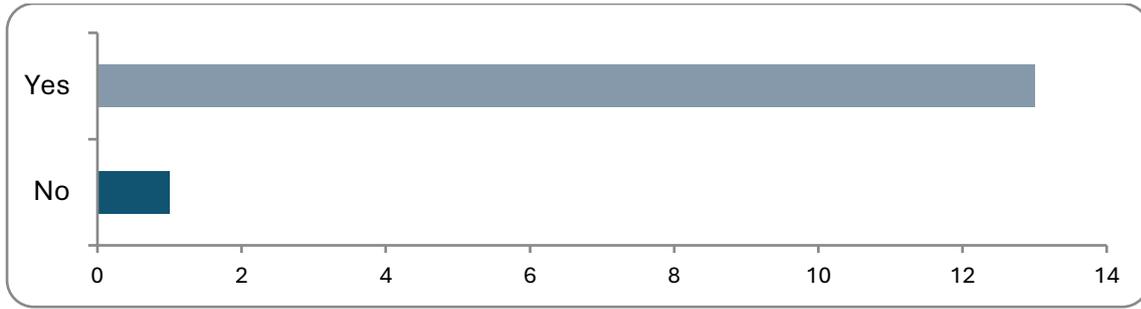


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	14	100.00%
No	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Would you be wanting to show other games throughout the tournament?

Show other games throughout the tournament

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	13	92.86%
No	1	7.14%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Section 142 Guidance for Licensing Boards -

Licensing Board powers to determine a general extension of hours - FIFA World Cup 2026

Introduction

Under section 142 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”), the Scottish Ministers may issue guidance to Licensing Boards as to the exercise of their functions under the 2005 Act. Section 142 of the 2005 Act requires Licensing Boards to have regard to the guidance. Any guidance is intended to assist Licensing Boards as they carry out their responsibilities under the 2005 Act.

The Scottish Government published [updated section 142 guidance in January 2023](#).

This guidance is temporary supplementary guidance and relates to consideration of relevant issues to help facilitate a Licensing Board being able to determine extensions to licensed hours for games during the FIFA World Cup 2026.

The Men’s World Cup will take place in Canada, Mexico and the United States of America between 11 June 2026 – 19 July 2026.

Scotland play three games in their group:

Sunday 14 June 2026: Scotland vs Haiti – UK kick off time 0200

Friday 19 June 2026: Scotland vs Morocco – UK kick off time 2300

Wednesday 24 June 2026: Scotland vs. Brazil – UK kick off time 2300

Each of these games will likely finish beyond licensed hours for many, if not all, licensed premises within an area.

The issue arises due to UK kick off times for each of Scotland’s games being times that may lead to an issue with licensed premises usual opening hours. In particular, the game on Sunday 14 June is not expected to finish until approximately 0415-0430 (exact time dependent on a number of variables including additional time added by the referee etc.). However, the two other games will also not likely finish until 0115-0130 which will also create issues in terms of many licensed premises usual opening hours.

Licensing Boards may also want to consider extension of hours for further Scotland games if the team qualifies from the Group. The dates and times of such matches are of course still to be confirmed.

In addition to Scotland games, Licensing Boards may also wish to give consideration to allowing licensed premises to stay open to show other games during the World Cup with many late night/early morning kick offs UK time.

Where decisions have already been made, there is no need for re-taking of decisions in light of this guidance. However, for decisions yet to be made, the Scottish Government is keen to see a proportionate approach being taken by Licensing Boards across Scotland which would allow premises, where appropriate, to allow people to come together to watch games in a social environment by remaining open later than normal for the purpose of screening games, whilst maintaining public safety and minimising the risk of public nuisance or disorder.

While the licensing system is decentralised so that local communities are those that influence decisions through Licensing Boards, the 2005 Act envisages a role for Scottish Ministers to assist Licensing Boards in how they carry out functions under the 2005 Act. While not written into section 142 of the 2005 Act itself, where an issue is of national relevance then it may be considered there may be merit in Scottish Ministers providing further guidance to Licensing Boards as to the exercise of their functions in that regard.

The following information is intended to assist Licensing Boards in approaching consideration of determinations to grant extension of hours to on-sales of alcohol within Licensing Board areas during the World Cup.

Historic achievement of national significance

The qualification of the Scotland Men's team to the World Cup represents the first time this century that the team has qualified. This is a significant achievement by the team that people across Scotland are very proud of and it is the first time under the 2005 Act where consideration can be given to determining extension of licensed hours for the on-sale of alcohol in the context of Scotland being involved in the Men's World Cup.

Section 67 of the 2005 Act provides a power for Licensing Boards to grant general extensions to licensed hours in connection with special events of local or national significance if they consider it appropriate to do so.

Scotland qualifying for the World Cup clearly represents an event with national significance.

The Scottish Ministers are clear that the people of Scotland should be given as much opportunity as possible to watch Scotland play including in places where they can come together with fellow fans to enjoy the games. Given many licensed premises already allow fans of many different sports to come together to socialise while watching sport, the issue that arises is, given the times these games are being shown, whether action should be taken to allow relevant premises to be open when games are taking place.

2005 Act Framework

In considering whether to allow licensed premises in their locality to stay open later during the World Cup, Licensing Boards should have regard to the licensing objectives of the 2005 Act, and their Statements of Licensing Policy.

The five licensing objectives are:

- preventing crime and disorder;
- securing public safety;

- preventing public nuisance;
- protecting and improving public health; and
- protecting children and young persons from harm.

Each objective is equally important. No one licensing objective carries more weight than any other and it is always a matter for Licensing Boards to weigh up these objectives when making decisions under the 2005 Act.

General extension of hours – section 67 of the 2005 Act

In the section 142 guidance published by the Scottish Government in January 2023, general extensions of licensing hours is covered as follows:

“9.25 The licensed hours for occasional licences require to be set out in the application for the licence and incorporated into the licence if granted. Section 67 of the 2005 Act provides Licensing Boards with a power to grant general extensions to licensed hours in connection with special events of local or national significance. However, licensed premises are not obliged to remain open for the period of any such extension. Section 68 of the 2005 Act which makes provision for extended hours applications does not apply to occasional licences.”

The 2005 Act refers to a Licensing Board making a ‘determination’ to grant general extensions to licensed hours.

A determination can apply to –

- the whole of the Licensing Board's area or only to specified parts,
- licensed hours generally or only to specified descriptions of those hours, and
- all licensed premises in the Licensing Board's area or only to specified descriptions of such premises.

The Scottish Parliament approved these powers to be contained within the 2005 Act so that they were ready to be considered for use as needed for special events of local or national significance as they occur.

The Scottish Ministers would expect each Licensing Board to consider whether to extend hours.

The decision in each board area is a matter for the Licensing Board, but given the national significance of the Scotland team’s achievement, the Scottish Government would guide Licensing Boards to consider use of the powers in section 67 of the 2005 Act as a matter of course.

It should be noted that where an extension of hours is granted, such a determination does not require any licensed premises to be open for the sale of alcohol during any or all of the period of extension hours specified. The effect of granting an extension means that individual premises can make their own decision whether to remain

open, but that if they wish to do then they do not require to make their own individual request for extended hours.

This flexibility of approach would give greater freedom to licensed premises to make their own decision on opening while reducing the bureaucratic burden falling on business (by avoiding the need to apply for extended hours).

It is a matter for Licensing Boards to decide on how they further publicise the granting of a general extension of hours. At a minimum the Licensing Board may wish to post details on its website.

Licensing Boards are under a statutory duty to notify the chief constable and the appropriate licence holders to whom the determination applies.

Separate to notification once a determination has been made, we would guide Licensing Boards to consider what engagement they should undertake prior to making a decision on a determination.

Although section 67 of the 2005 Act does not require such engagement, it is considered appropriate to do with, as a suggested minimum, the chief constable given a general extension of hours in the early hours will have relevance for the operation of policing.

Conditions/ safeguards for licensed premises

Licensing Boards may wish to consider the extent to which later opening can be supported in meeting the licensing objectives by appropriate controls, and whether this is best addressed through a co-ordinated approach within a licensing board area or through premises-specific applications determined on their merits.

Issues that Licensing Boards may wish to consider before permitting a licensed premises to stay open later to show matches could include:

- The licensed premises where relevant, has appropriate permissions obtained to broadcast sports.
- Ticketed entry to support monitoring of maximum capacity.
- Last entry aligned with match kick off times.
- Sufficient SIA approved stewarding.
- Use of reusable plastic cups for the duration of the extended licence.
- No under 18's permitted on the premises out with their normal approved hours
- Continued adherence to existing external licensing conditions, for example, beer gardens.
- Premises to close no later than 30 minutes after the final whilst to allow appropriate dispersal.
- Any additional local considerations specific to problematic premises or relevant intelligence.
- Having regard to the availability of local public transport provision .

Section 27A of the 2005 Act allows Licensing Boards to make a variation of premises licence conditions where they are satisfied that it is necessary or expedient for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives. Such a variation may apply to all licensed premises, particular licensed premises, licensed premises within a particular area or of a particular description. Further detail about the publication and notification requirements can be found in paragraphs 8.64-8.65 of the 2023 guidance.

Licensing Boards may wish to consider whether any variation of licensed conditions is appropriate if granting an extension for these purposes. Examples of possible draft conditions/ safeguards that Licensing Boards may wish to consider for licensed premises showing matches are attached as an **Annex** to this guidance.

These draft conditions/ safeguards are provided to support a proportionate approach for later opening which focuses on possible key risks and how to mitigate them.

Extended hours applications – section 68 of the 2005 Act

Alternatively, section 68 of the 2005 Act provides a power for Licensing Boards, on the application of a premises licence holder, to grant extensions to licensed hours for the premises to cater for special events or occasions.

A premises licence holder may apply for extended hours authorising the premises to remain open later than the time specified in the premises licence.

Such applications are determined by a Licensing Board having regard to the licensing objectives and the Licensing Boards Policy and may be granted or refused. Where granted, the Licensing Board may vary the licence conditions as it considers necessary or expedient for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives,.

Scottish Government
March 2026

Annex

Draft Standard Conditions/ Safeguards for World Cup 2026 Matches

For Section 68 applications these draft conditions/ safeguards are provided to support a consistent and proportionate approach for later opening connected with the screening of FIFA World Cup 2026 matches. These are intended to be potential additional conditions which may be imposed and are not intended to replace the mandatory licence conditions or other existing conditions.

Children and Young Persons

Children and young persons under the age of 18 shall not be admitted to the premises/ venue during any period of later opening connected with World Cup matches.

Purpose and Scope

Later opening is authorised solely for the purpose of screening World Cup matches and associated customer management and dispersal.

The premises/ organiser shall ensure that the event is conducted in a manner consistent with the licensing objectives, including the prevention of crime and disorder, securing public safety, preventing public nuisance and protecting and improving public health.

Authorisation to Screen

For premises licence holders, the premises shall only operate later for match screening where the premises already has a relevant licence and is already authorised within its operating plan to provide televised sport/ television (or where an appropriate variation has been granted).

Management and Supervision

A designated manager/ event lead shall be on duty from 22.00 hours until close and shall be responsible for compliance with these conditions and for liaison with Police Scotland, the Licensing Standards Officer and licensing officers where required.

Prior to the commencement of each event night, staff shall be briefed on admission controls, capacity management, noise control and dispersal arrangements, and incident escalation procedures.

A personal licence holder shall be present on the premises from 22.00 hours until close.

The premises/ organiser shall ensure that sufficient staff are on duty to manage the premises/ venue safely, having regard to the expected attendance, capacity and terminal hour.

Capacity and Queue Management

The premises/ organiser shall ensure that the permitted capacity is not exceeded at any time and shall deploy sufficient staff to monitor and control occupancy throughout.

Where high attendance is anticipated, the premises/ organiser shall implement controlled admission and queue management measures to prevent obstruction, disorder and nuisance at the frontage.

The premises/ organiser shall ensure that any temporary arrangements associated with the screening (including seating, barriers and queuing systems) do not compromise safe means of escape.

The premises/ organiser shall ensure that patrons waiting to gain entry are managed so as to avoid public nuisance, disorder or obstruction, including at the frontage and in any nearby public areas.

No alcohol shall be sold or supplied for consumption off the premises during any period of later opening connected with matches.

The premises/ organiser shall operate a refusals policy and shall record refusals of alcohol and any incidents arising.

Safety, Security and Welfare

Door supervision shall be provided from 23.00 hours until close where required by risk assessment having regard to the nature, location and capacity of the premises/ venue, anticipated attendance and the terminal hour sought, and shall be increased where Police Scotland advise that such measures are necessary to support the licensing objectives.

A person trained in first aid shall be present on the premises/at the event from 23.00 hours until close.

An incident/ refusals record shall be maintained for each event night and shall be produced to Police Scotland and/ or Licensing Standards Officers (Isos) on request.

The premises/ organiser shall operate a zero-tolerance approach to drugs and weapons, with staff instructed to contact Police Scotland where appropriate.

The premises/ organiser shall take reasonable steps to prevent the consumption or possession of illegal drugs on the premises/ at the event and shall co-operate with Police Scotland in any enforcement action.

Noise Control and Prevention of Public Nuisance

Doors and windows shall be managed to minimise noise breakout after 22.00 hours, particularly during/ after the match and during dispersal.

Any external smoking/ vaping area shall be supervised and managed to prevent nuisance, disorder and obstruction.

External areas (including smoking/ vaping areas) shall be actively monitored and managed to prevent nuisance and disorder. Patrons shall not be permitted to congregate out with the premises in a manner likely to cause nuisance.

No amplified music or commentary shall be played in any external area during the period of later opening.

The premises/ organiser shall ensure that any noise-generating activities associated with the screening (including chanting or announcements) are managed so as to minimise disturbance to nearby residents.

Dispersal

A written safety dispersal plan shall be in place for each event night where later opening is authorised. The plan shall cover staffing at exits at closing, management of external areas and frontage, and steps to minimise noise and disorder in the vicinity. More generally, wider consideration of local transport plans and availability of public transport service provision should also be considered.

The premises/ organiser shall actively manage dispersal at the end of the event/ closing time by deploying staff (and door staff where engaged) at exits and the immediate frontage to encourage prompt and quiet departure and to prevent patrons lingering.

Clear closing/ dispersal announcements shall be made in advance of closing to support orderly winding-down and departure.



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APPENDIX C

Communication Strategy

2026 Fifa World Cup

Explaining the Licensing Board's Decision on Extended Licensed Hours

1. Purpose of the Strategy

To ensure all interested parties clearly understand:

- What the Licensing Board's decision is
- Why the decision was made
- How it affects premises within Clackmannanshire and their operations
- What actions they may need to take
- Where they can find further support or clarification

This strategy aims to promote transparency, consistency, and trust between the Licensing Board and Premises licence holders.

2. Key Audiences

1. **Premises Licence Holders authorised for On-sales**
2. **Designated Premises Managers (DPMs)**
3. **Stakeholders** — Licensing Team, Police Scotland, Environmental Health

3. Core Messages

The Board having considered the report from the Clerk to the Licensing Board at meeting held on 26 March 2026, and having taken account of the Statutory guidance issued by the Scottish ministers, have embraced a relaxed approach to the question of extended licensed hours for televised matches involving the Scottish Men's National team at Fifa World Cup 2026.

A. What the Decision Is

- **To Be confirmed after Licensing Board Decision**

B. Why the Decision Was Made

- Refer to statutory licensing objectives (e.g., preventing crime/disorder, protecting public health, preventing public nuisance).
- Explain the Board's reasoning in plain language.
- Avoid jargon.

C. What This Means for Licence Holders

- Clarify practical implications such as:
 - Application processes
 - Timeframes
 - Conditions or limitations
 - Relevant deadlines

D. Support Available

- How to contact Licensing Standards Officer
- Links to policy statements, online application forms, and guidance

4. Communication Channels

A. Direct Email to Premises Licence Holders authorised for On-sales

B. Website Update

- Upload the official Licensing Board decision
- Create a summarised, easy-to-read explanation
- Add FAQs and further guidance

C. Trade Briefings / Information Sessions

- Consider online MS Teams sessions for accessibility
- Allow Q&A to address concerns

D. Social Media (If Applicable)

- Short notices highlighting where full information can be accessed
- Keep concise and factual

E. Partner Agencies

- Share updates with Police Scotland, Community Safety, and local business networks

5. Timing and Rollout Plan

Stage	Activity	Target Timeframe
1	Licensing Board Decision	Day 0
2	Publish decision on website	Day 0–1
3	Email issued to licence holders & DPMS	Day 1
4	Social media / trade group notice	Day 1–2
5	Optional briefing session	Day 3–14
6	Follow-up Q&A responses & clarification updates	Ongoing

6. Monitoring & Feedback

- Track common questions from licence holders
- Log recurring areas of confusion and address them in updated FAQs
- Gather feedback from:
 - Licence Holders
 - Police partners
 - Licensing Standards Officer
- Adjust communication materials accordingly

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Equality and Fairer Scotland Impact Assessment (EFSIA) Summary of Assessment

Title:

Name of your decision, activity, policy, strategy or proposal. Referred to throughout as 'proposal' in this document.

Key findings from this assessment (or reason why an EFSIA is not required):

No impact on Equality Groups as a result of the Proposal.

Summary of actions taken because of this assessment:

No further Action required.

Ongoing actions beyond implementation of the proposal include:

As outlined in the Comms Strategy, there will be ongoing monitoring of feedback and if required an optional briefing session for stakeholders.

Lead person(s) for this assessment:

Dale Bell

Senior officer approval of assessment:

Sarah Goldberg

DATE: 17th March 2026

Equality and Fairer Scotland Impact Assessment (EFSIA)

An Equality and Fairer Scotland Impact Assessment (EFSIA) must be completed in relation to any decisions, activities, policies, strategies or proposals of the Council (referred to as 'proposal' in this document). The first stage of the assessment process will determine the level of impact assessment required.

This form should be completed using the guidance contained in the document: ['NAME']. Please read the guidance before completing this form.

The aim of this assessment is to allow you to critically assess:

- the impact of the proposal on those with protected characteristics and, where relevant, affected by socio-economic disadvantage (referred to as 'equality groups' in this document);
- whether the Council is meeting its legal requirements in terms of Public Sector Equality Duty and the Fairer Scotland Duty;
- whether any measures need to be put in place to ensure any negative impacts are eliminated or minimised.

The Fairer Scotland Duty requires public authorities to pay 'due regard' to how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making **strategic decisions**. Strategic decisions are key, high-level decisions such as decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources, delivery or implementation and commissioning services and all decisions that go to Council or committee for approval.

Step A – Confirm the details of your proposal

1. Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the proposal.

The purpose of this report is to enable the Licensing Board to consider and agree its approach to licensed hours for premises in Clackmannanshire during the FIFA World Cup 2026.

2. Why is the proposal required?

Due to an event which has been assessed to be of national significance in the terms provided within the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

3. Who is affected by the proposal?

All persons within Clackmannanshire.

4. What other Council policies or activities may be related to this proposal? The EFSIAs for related policies might help you understand potential impacts.

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5. Is the proposal a strategic decision? If so, please complete the steps below in relation to socio-economic disadvantage. If not, please state why it is not a strategic decision:

It is a decision which relates solely to Licensing.

Step B – Consider the level of EFSIA required

You should consider the available evidence and data relevant to your proposal. You should gather information in order to:

- *help you to understand the importance of your proposal for those from equality groups,*
- *inform the depth of EFSIA you need to do (this should be proportionate to the potential impact), and*
- *provide justification for the outcome, including where it is agreed an EFSIA is not required.*

6. What information is available about the experience of those with protected characteristics in relation to this proposal? Does the proposal relate to an area where there are already known inequalities? Refer to the guidance for sources of evidence and complete the table below.

Equality Group	Evidence source (e.g. online resources, report, survey, consultation exercise already carried out)	What does the evidence tell you about the experiences of this group in relation to the proposal? NB Lack of evidence may suggest a gap in knowledge/ need for consultation (Step C).
Age	Scottish Census 2022	Depending on the decision made by The Licensing Board, children under 16 may not be included under the terms laid out in the Proposal. The Board are entitled to make the decision to prohibit access to children in consideration of the requirements of the Licensing Objectives contained in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 specifically to protect children and young persons from harm. Using data provided in the most recent census, of the 51,778 people in Clackmannanshire, there are approximately 8,713 persons under 16 who could be impacted by the Proposal.
Disability	Scottish Census 2022	<u>The Scottish Census 2022 shows that 13,453 persons in Clackmannanshire live with long-term illness, condition or disability, or a physical disability that limits day-to-day activities to a certain extent</u> - the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Race	Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire. It identifies 21 ethnic groups are living in Clackmannanshire, the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Sex	Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire. It identifies that there 26,385 females and 25,393 males in Clackmannanshire - the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Gender Reassignment	Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire, the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Sexual orientation	Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire. For people over 16 it identified 6 groups in relation to sexual orientation - the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Religion or Belief	No Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire. It identified 12 groups in relation to religion that are present in Clackmannanshire - the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Pregnancy or maternity	No Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire, the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.

Equality Group	Evidence source (e.g. online resources, report, survey, consultation exercise already carried out)	What does the evidence tell you about the experiences of this group in relation to the proposal? NB Lack of evidence may suggest a gap in knowledge/ need for consultation (Step C).
Marriage or civil partnership (only the first aim of the Duty is relevant to this protected characteristic and only in relation to work matters)	Scottish Census 2022	The Scottish Census 2022 is the data source which shows the status of all persons within Clackmannanshire. It identifies that 20,684 people are currently married or in a civil partnership - the proposal will have no impact on the experience of this group.
Socio economic disadvantage (if required)	Not required	Not Required

7. Based on the evidence above, is there relevance to some or all of the equality groups? No

If yes or unclear, proceed to further steps and complete full EFSIA

If no, explain why below and then proceed to Step E:

The Proposal allows Premises Licence Holders the ability to open outwith standard operating hours. This has no impact on the equality groups outlined above.

Step C – Stakeholder engagement

This step will help you to address any gaps in evidence identified in Step B. Engagement with people who may be affected by a proposal can help clarify the impact it will have on different equality groups. Sufficient evidence is required for you to show 'due regard' to the likely or actual impact of your proposal on equality groups.

8. Based on the outcome of your assessment of the evidence under Step B, please detail the groups you intend to engage with or any further research that is required in order to allow you to fully assess the impact of the proposal on these groups. If you decide not to engage with stakeholders, please state why not:

9. Please detail the outcome of any further engagement, consultation and/or research carried out:

Step D – Impact on equality groups and steps to address this

10. Consider the impact of the proposal in relation to each protected characteristic under each aim of the general duty:

- Is there potential for discrimination, victimisation, harassment or other unlawful conduct that is prohibited under the Equality Act 2010? How will this be mitigated?
- Is there potential to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who do not? How can this be achieved?
- Is there potential for developing good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not? How can this be achieved?

If relevant, consider socio-economic impact.

Age	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Disability	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Race	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Sex	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Gender Reassignment	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Sexual Orientation	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Religion or Belief	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Pregnancy/maternity	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination				
potential for developing good relations				
potential to advance equality of opportunity				

Marriage/civil partnership	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Positive impacts	Negative impacts	No impact	
risk of discrimination (only the first aim of the Duty is relevant to this protected characteristic and only in relation to work matters)				

Socio-economic disadvantage	Place 'X' in the relevant box(es)			Describe any actions you plan to take, eg. To mitigate any impact, maximise positive impact, or record your justification to not make changes
	Yes	No	No impact	
(If required) Will the proposal reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage?				

11. Describe how the assessment might affect the proposal or project timeline?

Examples of the items you should consider here include, but are not limited to:

- **Communication plan:** do you need to communicate with people affected by proposal in a specific format (e.g. audio, subtitled video, different languages) or do you need help from other organisations to reach certain groups?
- **Cost:** do you propose any actions because of this assessment which will incur additional cost?
- **Resources:** do the actions you propose require additional or specialist resource to deliver them?
- **Timing:** will you need to build more time into the project plan to undertake research, consult or to complete any actions identified in this assessment?

12. **Having considered the potential or actual impacts of your proposal, you should now record the outcome of this assessment.** Choose from one of the following:

Please select (X)	Implications for the proposal
	<p>No major change Your assessment demonstrates that the proposal shows no risk of unlawful discrimination and that you have taken all opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations, subject to continuing monitoring and review.</p>
	<p>Adjust the proposal and/or implement mitigations You have identified ways of modifying the proposal to avoid discrimination or to better advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations. In addition, or alternatively, you will introduce measures to mitigate any negative impacts. Adjustments and mitigations should be recorded in the tables under Step D above and summarised in the summary sheet at the front of the document.</p>
	<p>Continue the proposal with adverse impact The proposal will continue despite the potential for adverse impact. Any proposal which results in direct discrimination is likely to be unlawful and should be stopped and advice taken. Any proposal which results in indirect discrimination should be objectively justified and the basis for this set out in the tables under Step D above and summarised in the summary sheet at the front of the document. If objective justification is not possible, the proposal should be stopped whilst advice is taken.</p>
	<p>Stop the proposal The proposal will not be implemented due to adverse effects that are not justified and cannot be mitigated.</p>

Step E – Discuss and review the assessment with decision-makers

13. **You must discuss the findings of this assessment at each stage with senior decision makers during the lifetime of the proposal and before you finalise the assessment. Record details of these discussions and decisions taken below:**

After consultation with Premises Licence Holders and throughout the drafting of the Proposal, it is clear that there is no requirement for further assessment. The Proposal has no impact either direct or indirect on equality groups and as such no further assessment is required.

Step F – Post-implementation actions and monitoring impact

It is important to continue to monitor the impact of your proposal on equality groups to ensure that your actual or likely impacts are those you recorded. This will also highlight any unforeseen impacts.

14. Record any post-implementation actions required.

Compliance with the Comms Strategy and monitoring of its impact.

15. Note here how you intend to monitor the impact of this proposal on equality groups.

- Track common questions from licence holders
- Log recurring areas of confusion and address them in updated FAQs
- Gather feedback from:
 - o Licence Holders
 - o Police partners
 - o Licensing Standards Officer
- Adjust communication materials accordingly

16. Note here when the EFSIA will be reviewed as part of the post-implementation review of the proposal:

As outlined in the Comms Strategy, there will be ongoing monitoring of feedback and if required an optional briefing session.

Step G – Assessment sign off and approval

Lead person(s) for this assessment:

Signed: Dale Bell, Depute Clerk

Date: 17 March 2026

Senior officer approval of assessment:

Signed: Sarah Goldberg, Team Leader

Date: 17th March 2026

All full EFSIAs must be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after the decision is made to implement the proposal.