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**Liquor Licensing and Civic Government
Policy**

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The Police Service of Scotland, (hereafter referred to as Police Scotland), considers that the operation and regulation of an effective Liquor and Civic Licensing framework plays a significant role in maintaining public safety.

Police Scotland is committed to working with Local Authorities and other relevant partners in the administration and enforcement of licences and registrations to reduce crime, violence and disorder.

In relation to Liquor Licensing we will focus our activities on promoting the Licensing objectives outlined in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 of;

- Preventing Crime and Disorder
- Securing public safety
- Preventing public nuisance
- Protecting and improving public health and
- Protecting children from harm

In relation to Civic Licensing we will work collaboratively to ensure fit and proper persons have access to licenses including taxis and metal dealers and that relevant legislation is rigorously enforced.

We will also take action to minimise opportunities for Serious and Organised Crime to engage as part of, or exploit licensed activities.

In all cases decisions and actions will take cognisance of Police Scotland's values of Integrity, Fairness and Respect; underpinned by its Code of Ethics and Human Rights considerations.