

## 1. REQUEST FOR PILOT SCHEME (AN222-2002)

Members will recall the policy review recently undertaken. The consultation exercise reinforced the view that consensus amongst the various groups of consultees was virtually impossible to reach.

As regards extension of hours beyond 12 midnight in public houses, there was insufficient evidence from the replies to come to the view that the departure from the present policy was warranted.

Three responses to the survey were identified as being from individual members of the DLTA. Of these, two were in favour of no change to the policy with one in favour of a change and similarly, two were in favour of public bars and hotels being dealt with in the same manner as public houses, with one against. The DLTA did not respond as an organisation.

Since the Board's June meeting hotels in Broughty Ferry which currently have an extension to 1 am have embarked upon a campaign to demonstrate demand from their customers to be allowed to retain the extension to 1 am.

The culmination of the campaign is the receipt of a letter from one of the 4 hoteliers requesting that the Board agree to introduce a one year pilot scheme whereby extensions to 1 am would be granted both for public houses and hotels in Broughty Ferry (copy attached - Appendix 1). The results of the pilot would then be analysed and a report prepared to allow the Board to consider whether or not its policy should be amended. Applications would be made in the normal manner and determined on their merits, taking into account any objections which may be received.

The options open to the Board are:-

1. Agree to the pilot in Broughty Ferry area only as requested and consider applications and any objections received. The position would be monitored and a report submitted to the Board at the end of the 12 month period.
2. Agree to pilots in Broughty Ferry, City Centre and Perth Road areas and consider applications and objections and report to the Board.
3. Maintain the status quo. ie do not agree to run a pilot in any area.

In considering the options members should be aware that Tayside Police have indicated that they remain opposed to opening hours beyond 12 midnight. There may also be ramifications for both nightclubs and late night catering outlets. If the Board is minded to agree a pilot scheme members may wish to consider further consultation with these and other interested parties before doing so.

Members instructions are requested.