REPORT TO: LICENSING BOARD AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

- REPORT ON: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVENING ECONOMY WORKING GROUP
- REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)

REPORT NO: 470-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report on the findings and recommendations of the Evening Economy Working Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Operation of Premises within the City Centre

- 2.1 Night clubs should be allowed to open for an additional hour from 2.30 am until 3.30 am on Saturdays and Sundays for the provision of food and non-alcoholic refreshments only.
- 2.2 Public houses should continue to have extended hours until 12.00 am with extensions to 1 o'clock on selected holiday weekends etc as at present.
- 2.3 As regards the terminal hour of late hours catering establishments there are three options:-
 - Option 1 Status Quo i.e. 4 am, 4.30 am
 - Option 2 The terminal hour be fixed at 3.30 am as requested by the late hours caterers.
 - <u>Option 3</u> The terminal hour of late hours catering premises in the City Centre and West Port/Nethergate areas be set at 2.30 am, unless they are willing to enter into an arrangement with a nightclub(s) for the provision of food and refreshments, in which case they should be permitted to operate for an extra hour until 3.30 am for that purpose only.

It is not considered that Option 1 or Option 2 would sufficiently reduce the problems with public order, police resources or litter and accordingly Option 3 is recommended for approval.

- 2.4 The proposals contained in Paragraphs 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 above should be introduced for a trial period of one year to allow a reasonable assessment of their effectiveness.
- 2.5 A new condition should be attached to late hours catering licences requiring the appointment of a door steward(s) to manage queuing.
- 2.6 The Best Practice Guide (copy attached Appendix I) be adopted as a Licensing Board policy.
- 2.7 A Best Bar None scheme be introduced.
- 2.8 The minimum charge for entry to nightclubs be retained.
- 2.9 All licensees to undergo and pass the Servewise Plus training course prior to renewal of their licence.
- 2.10 Licensees to ensure door stewards prevent patrons leaving the premises with bottles and glasses and bar any patrons attempting this.
- 2.11 All city centre licensees be encouraged to join the DUNCAN Initiative.
- 2.12 The extension of the role of city centre ambassadors be investigated further by the Director of Economic Development.

Transport Issues

- 2.13 The Director of Planning and Transportation should identify additional evening ranks which will benefit the taxi trade and passengers. In addition, the "stopping up" of roads outside nightclubs should be considered to try to avoid pedestrian/vehicle conflict at nightclub frontages.
- 2.14 The Licensing Committee and Licensing Board recommend to the Planning and Transportation Committee that the provision of "white light" street lighting in areas around nightclubs be given a higher priority.
- 2.15 Nightclubs should enter into an arrangement with taxi operators for the ordering of taxis for patrons taking advantage of the facilities in Paragraph 2.1 above. (This could perhaps be achieved by the use of special telephone lines not available to the general public.)

Waste Issues

- 2.16 New street refuse bins have been introduced in selected areas where there are insufficient storage areas for trade/domestic refuse and a report on the effectiveness of this measure to be brought back to the Licensing Committee in the future.
- 2.17 To encourage the service of Enforcement Notices under Section 47 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 where problems exist or continue to exist.
- 2.18 The Code of Conduct attached to Late Hours Catering Licences be strictly enforced by the Waste Enforcement Officers and any breach thereof reported to the Licensing Committee.
- 2.19 To support the proposal by the Head of Waste Management that an automated public convenience be purchased and sited in an appropriate location in North Lindsay Street. A report should also be brought back to a future Licensing Committee on the number of fxed penalty notices issued before and after any such public convenience is purchased.

Health Issues

2.20 To note that the Scottish Executive are proposing measures relating to binge drinking and drinks promotions, and to continue with the Licensing Board's own provisions on this subject in the Good Practice Guide.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reference is made to Article II (b) of the minute of meeting of the Licensing Committee of 6th October 2003 wherein it was agreed to commence a consultation exercise regarding the concerns raised by Tayside Police about public order offences in the early hours of the morning and litter problems caused by the incorrect disposal of waste. In particular, a video recorded by Tayside Police and containing excerpts from CCTV footage, demonstrated the problem with a number of violent incidents in the early hours of the morning outside late hours catering establishments in North Lindsay Street and also other crimes of violence around the corner in Ward Road. It is the view of Tayside Police that allowing late hours catering establishments to remain open after the closure of the night clubs merely encourages people to hang around in the area longer than might otherwise be the case and contributes to the types of incident shown on the video. The images also showed that after patrons are dispersed a large number of rats descend on the area being attracted by the bags of rubbish and litter left on the street and pavements. Tayside Police therefore wished the Committee to consider the adoption of a policy which would result in the harmonisation of closing times for late hours catering outlets and nightclubs, or even to close the former before the latter.
- 3.2 An initial exercise was carried out and the results were published in March 2004. These were inconclusive and the Committee decided to consult further and more widely. A further consultation exercise culminated in October 2004 and again this proved to be inconclusive.
- 3.3 Subsequently a Good Practice Guide was published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and whilst this document was based on English experience and legislation, many of the issues highlighted in it were relevant to the night-time economy in Dundee.

- 3.4 Having regard to the results of the consultation and the large volume of research undertaken, it was agreed that the best way forward was to adopt a partnership approach and form a multiagency group comprising all stakeholders (Police, late hours caterers, City Centre Community Council, nightclubs, transport providers and local authority officers from Planning and Transportation, Environmental Health, Economic Development (including DUNCAN), Waste Management and Support Services).
- 3.5 The group identified the excess consumption of alcohol, the operation of premises, transport, waste and health as the key issues and these are dealt with in the following sections of the report.

4.0 OPERATION OF PREMISES

- 4.1 The operation of both nightclubs and late hours catering establishments were discussed at some length.
- 4.2 The problems identified by Tayside Police are that large volumes of individuals, many of whom had consumed far too much alcohol, are loitering in streets primarily outside late hours catering establishments, causing public order problems which results in an inordinate amount of police officers being required in the City Centre. This has a detrimental effect on other areas of the City. Statistical information is attached (Appendix II). Tayside Police also reported that public order problems had been occurring in both Angus and Perth. The hours of late hours catering establishments in these areas were curtailed and this has resulted in a significant reduction in incidents.
- 4.3 Having regard to the success in Angus and Perth the possibility of late hours caterers in the vicinity of nightclubs closing at the same time as or just prior to the nightclubs was raised as a possible solution by Tayside Police. Such an initiative had also taken place in Edinburgh. Lothian and Borders Police claim this has resulted in a dramatic reduction in crime and disorder.
- 4.4 The situation in Edinburgh now is that no Late Hours Catering Licences will be granted beyond 3.00am in order to prevent crowd migration from clubs to takeaway premises. Clubs close at 3 am. In Glasgow, city centre food outlets are allowed to open until 4.00am as is the case in Aberdeen. Although the Police in these cities have not sought a reduction in hours, it must be pointed out that there are night bus services which help to make dispersal of patrons less of a problem than in Dundee, which has no such service at present.
- 4.5 The possibility of staggering the hours of operation of nightclubs was discussed with nightclubs being given the opportunity of opening until 3.30 am to sell food and non-alcoholic drinks and still be allowed to provide entertainment. This should be in a specially set aside area where patrons could perhaps also order taxis. This would be managed by the nightclub operators.
- 4.6 The nightclub representatives were willing to discuss this further. However the central area late hours caterers are opposed to this for mainly commercial reasons and wish to remain open until 3.30am.
- 4.7 Extended hours for public houses were also raised. However, it is suggested that no change be made to the Board's current policy of allowing public houses to open until 12.00am until the proposed pilot scheme in Paragraph 2.1 above is properly evaluated.
- 4.8 The Manchester based Bar None Scheme was discussed. This is a scheme whereby public houses and nightclubs can apply for accreditation. This is only granted where the necessary criteria regarding the standard of operation of the premises are met. A similar scheme is being promoted in Glasgow. Working Group members agreed that this would be a positive initiative for Dundee and should be investigated. Details of the Manchester scheme are contained in the document "Manchester Best Bar None Award Scheme".
- 4.9 The introduction of a Best Practice Guide for liquor licensed premises was also discussed. This had previously been discussed at a meeting of the Liquor Licensing Consultative Forum. A copy of the proposed Guide is attached.

- 4.10 Training for licensees was also seen as an issue and members of the Working Group felt that all licensees should undergo training as a pre-requisite of their licence being renewed.
- 4.11 Managing the queue in late hours catering establishments was also seen as an issue as many fights in the street start as a result of an argument in a takeaway. This can be exacerbated by the limited amount of space available in some outlets for queuing. The suggestion of employing door staff at late hours food outlets was raised. Some establishments in Edinburgh already do this and it is proposed that a condition be attached to Late Hours Catering Licences to this effect.
- 4.12 Effective use of stewards in nightclubs was also seen as a key issue both on the door to control entry and to prevent customers leaving with bottles etc and inside premises to minimise excessive drinking. The CCTV system and DUNCAN also were of benefit and membership of DUNCAN for all licensees was thought to be of benefit. Extending the operation of the city centre ambassadors into the evening economy to assist members of the public and liaise with CCTV, Police and other agencies to highlight problems as they occurred was also thought to be worth further investigation although funding would require to be found.
- 4.13 Other items discussed were drinks promotions, maintaining the minimum charge for entry to nightclubs, over-provision of licensed premises generally in the City Centre and the use of glass containers.

5.0 TRANSPORT ISSUES

- 5.1 Various issues were examined. It was agreed, however, that the main source of transport is taxis. In this regard the views of the trade were sought regarding taxi ranks, road closures and street lighting. Closer liaison between taxis and nightclubs was also discussed including a scheme whereby taxis would be telephoned by nightclubs to pick up these patrons who remain in the nightclubs for the provision and consumption of food and non-alcoholic refreshments between 2.30am and 3.30am. Presently taxis pick up patrons in the street when exiting from the nightclubs. This has resulted in damage to vehicles and a general "free-for-all" which discourages drivers from working in the early hours. The positioning of ranks and the introduction of evening ranks was discussed as was street lighting. The possibility of road closures at certain times was also suggested. The question of the introduction of CCTV within taxis was also discussed as a means of providing extra security for drivers whilst carrying passengers. Tayside Police indicated that they would be happy to support such an initiative, provided the appropriate authorisations were obtained.
- 5.2 An additional surcharge was also mooted as a means of enticing more drivers to work. However, when the trade were surveyed very few operators returned the questionnaire and accordingly whether this would actually have the desired effect is still unknown.
- 5.3 As regards night buses, a bus company representative indicated that the main concerns are the safety of their drivers and possible damage to the buses. Until these issues are addressed satisfactorily, they would not consider a night service. Bus companies in Aberdeen offered to meet with Dundee operators to explain how they dealt with these problems but so far that offer has not been taken up. It should be noted that night bus services appear to have operated successfully in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Also, some nightclubs in Dundee have contracts with private bus companies to ferry patrons from places such as Perth and St Andrews to and from the nightclubs.
- 5.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing the Head of Transportation wrote out to 14 public transport operators in the surrounding area inviting expressions of interest in providing services in the city during the times identified by the group.
- 5.5 Only five replies were received of which four operators declared no interest. The one operator who indicated an interest was looking for a substantial public subsidy.

6.0 WASTE ISSUES

6.1 Public toilet provision at night was considered inadequate. A large number of fixed penalty notices issued by Tayside Police are for people urinating in public streets. Of 123 issued, 102 were for urinating in a public place. At present no public toilets are open after 7 p.m.

- 6.2 The purchase of an automated public convenience was discussed. The conclusion was that this would be extremely beneficial and that it might best be sited in North Lindsay Street.
- 6.3 The uplift of waste, both commercial and domestic was discussed. In this regard a report has been approved at a meeting of the Environmental Services and Sustainability Committee on 20th June 2005 regarding the purchase of street bins. The Waste Management Department can also provide a pressure washing service to enable the pavements outside takeaway shops to be hosed clean after they close.
- 6.4 It was also noted that the Waste Management Department has recently employed two Waste Enforcement Officers. Their duties include patrolling areas of the city where littering occurs, issuing fixed penalty notices to persons dropping waste, and also investigating incidents of poor trade waste presentation, ensuring that businesses comply with their licence conditions and the Duty of Care.

7.0 HEALTH

- 7.1 It was suggested that there would be some merit in canvassing people who used the evening economy on their view on what elements of prevention could be implemented for their safety.
- 7.2 Information supplied to the Group showed that between January and March 2005, persons who had been admitted to the Accident and Emergency Unit at Ninewells Hospital had been asked what they were doing before they were admitted to hospital. Of 130 surveyed between 2.00am and 3.00am, nearly half had been in pubs and clubs in the City Centre.
- 7.3 The Group welcomed the provisions in the Licensing (Scotland) Bill to prohibit irresponsible promotions, and also that the Scottish Executive has undertaken to look at promotions in off-sales, which many on the Group felt was a major concern. In the meantime, the Licensing Board's own guidance in the proposed Code of Conduct should continue to be the standards to be expected of licence-holders.
- 7.4 The Community Planning Strategy Group are also examining some measures which may help with education and prevention and they will report back their conclusions and recommendations to the Working Group.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 Problems in the City Centre at night and in the early hours of the morning are largely due to the consumption of too much alcohol. Many patrons consume large amounts of alcohol purchased cheaply in off-sales in their homes prior to going out to public houses and night clubs.
- 8.2 The exodus from night clubs at 2.30 am is unmanageable and leads to public order issues, especially in North Lindsay Street. Late hours caterers, whilst not selling alcohol, contribute to the problem due to the very fact that they are open which acts as a magnet to some who are hungry and others who simply want to loiter outside.
- 8.3 The nightclub representatives on the Working Group are willing to participate in pilot schemes whereby food would be ordered from existing takeaways and eaten in the various premises. Taxis could also be telephoned from a direct line within the premises. The taxi trade did not feel that this would work and neither did the late hours caterers in the central area. However, one of the nightclub operators is agreeable to trial an arrangement with a late night caterer to provide a range of pre-prepared hot and cold filled rolls, soft drinks and other non-alcoholic refreshments for consumption on the premises up to 3.30 am. Entertainment would be provided during that period, but the sale of alcohol would cease at 2.30 am. This arrangement would contribute towards stemming the mass exodus of patrons which currently occurs at 2.30 am and could be accommodated by granting a regular extension until 3.30 am on the strict understanding that alcohol should not be sold after 2.30 am. Other nightclubs willing to provide a similar service would also be awarded such an extension.

- 8.4 In light of the experiences in Edinburgh, Angus and Perth, it would appear that the Police suggestion of closing the late hours catering establishments at 2.30 am would contribute towards easier and more effective dispersal of patrons after the nightclubs' operators stop serving alcohol. However, it must be recorded that the late hours catering operators vehemently disagree with this proposal.
- 8.5 As regards waste issues, these are outlined in the report by the Head of Waste Management, a copy of which is attached.
- 8.6 The provision of adequate transport is still an issue. The transport system is virtually overwhelmed as the demand far outstrips supply. Whilst it is possible to introduce new ranks, the problem of numbers still persists as the taxis available cannot cope with the numbers exiting night clubs all at once. More taxi drivers need to be encouraged to continue to work between the closure of public houses and the closure of nightclubs. The recommendations reflect this.
- 8.7 A night bus service too would help. This possibility should continue to be explored as well as the possibility of nightclubs providing their own service.
- 8.8 As regards health issues, a change in culture is required to prevent binge drinking and this will require education as well as possibly legislative measures. This is reflected in the recommendations.

9.0 POLICY DECISIONS

- 9.1 Licensing Board will require to approve and adopt as policy recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6 to 2.10 and 2.15.
- 9.2 Licensing Committee will require to approve and adopt as policy recommendations 2.3, 24 and 25.

10.0 CONSULTATION

10.1 The Chief Executive, the Chief Constable and all other stakeholders have been consulted.

11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 Good Practice in Managing the Evening and Late Night Economy: A Literature Review (Report by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister dated September 2004).
- 11.2 "Manchester Best Bar None Awards Scheme."
- 11.3 Minutes of Evening Economy Working Group of 10th March, 12th April, 18th May, 14th June and 16th August.

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APPENDIX I

DUNDEE CITY LICENSING BOARD - BEST PRACTICE

- 1. Licensees must ensure that only door stewards registered with Dundee City Licensing Board are employed on the premises.
- 2. Where in doubt as to a person's age, Licensees must ask for photographic ID and operate a "no proof no sale" policy.
- 3. Licensees must not encourage binge drinking via the use of "Happy Hours" on their licensed premises. This will also extend to "all in" promotions whereby unlimited amounts of alcohol may be obtained upon payment of a fixed price or entrance fee. Licensees must not encourage "doubling up" or "upselling" where customers are encouraged to drink more for a cheaper unit price. Licensees must not effect reduced prices via "two for one" or "buy one get one free" or other similar types of promotions including large discounts on multiple measures.
- 4. Licensees must avoid the use of advertising campaigns designed specifically to entice younger patrons to the licensed premises by virtue of promotions for the sale of alcoholic liquor at discounted prices. Licensees must avoid the use of advertising campaigns designed specifically to entice patrons to the licensed premises by virtue of promotions for the sale of alcoholic liquor. Licensees are encouraged to promote their premises with adverts detailing more than simply drinks prices.
- 5. Maximum occupant capacities of a venue, as advised by the Clerk to the Licensing Board, must not be exceeded.
- 6. There must be no touting by or on behalf of entertainment licence holders by whatever means (excluding within their own premises) within the areas from time to time designated by the Board. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, there shall be no tickets, leaflets, flyers, vouchers or similar items issued to prospective patrons within these areas for the purpose of advertising, or otherwise obtaining custom for, particular entertainment-licensed premises.
- 7. Licence holders shall not, either themselves or by ay employee or agent, attract custom by the use of illegal fly-posting.
- 8. Licensees must undertake training in accordance with the Licensing Board's current requirements.
- 9. Licensees must ensure that all front line members of staff such as bar staff are adequately trained in server intervention in order to ensure that patrons are not supplied with alcohol liquor when they appear to be intoxicated.
- 10. Licensees must not promote irresponsible attractions or games where patrons are rewarded with alcohol rather than other prizes or cash. Licensees should not offer alcohol as a quiz prize unless the alcohol is in a sealed container for consumption off the premises or promote any "drinking games", which encourages patrons to drink large amounts of alcohol in a single session.
- 11. Licensees must dispose of the waste from the premises in a responsible manner and submit details of their licensed waste disposal contractor to the Clerk when so required.
- 12. Licensees should join the DUNCAN. scheme
- 13. Licensees should use toughened glass products where available.

- 14. Licensees should participate in designated driver schemes where drivers will be supplied with soft drinks free of charge.
- 15. Where available, licensees should join Pubwatch Schemes.
- 16. Licensees should display the Ten Point Plan "behave or be banned" on their premises.
- 17. A price list must be displayed in a prominent position at or near every bar.
- 18. Licensees should display their current Public Liability Insurance Policy.
- 19. Licensees must advise the Board at least 14 days prior to any proposed entertainment taking place for which there may be health and safety implications eg bucking bronco, gladiator duel, foam parties, spray tattooing, etc.

POLICE WARNING

"BEHAVE OR BE BANNED"

IF YOU DO NOT BEHAVE PROPERLY YOU ARE NOT WELCOME ON THESE PREMISES

TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- 1. THE LICENSEE CAN REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY PERSON AND DOES NOT HAVE TO GIVE A REASON.
- 2. IF YOU HAVE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, THEY MAY REFUSE TO SERVE YOU.
- 3. IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD THEY WILL REFUSE TO SERVE YOU.
- 4. THEY, OR THEIR STAFF, HAVE THE POWER TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.
- 5. THEY CAN USE REASONABLE FORCE TO EJECT YOU FROM THEIR PREMISES.
- 6. THE POLICE CAN BE CALLED TO ASSIST IN EJECTING YOU FROM THE PREMISES.
- 7. IF YOU ARE DRUNK, VIOLENT, QUARRELSOME OR DISORDERLY AND REFUSE TO LEAVE, YOU COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND ARE LIABLE TO ARREST.
- 8. IF YOU ASSAULT OR THREATEN ANYONE OR CAUSE DAMAGE TO THESE PREMISES AND ARE CONVICTED AT COURT, AN ORDER EXCLUDING YOU FROM THESE PREMISES AND ALSO OTHER LICENSED PREMISES COULD BE MADE.
- 9. IF YOU ARE TROUBLESOME OR A NUISANCE TO OTHER CUSTOMERS OR MISBEHAVE IN THESE PREMISES YOU ARE LIABLE TO BE BANNED BY OTHER LICENSEES.
- 10. THEY CAN BAN YOU FROM THEIR PREMISES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

SO MAKE YOUR CLUB A HAPPY, FRIENDLY PLACE TO BE AND HELP YOUR LICENSEE TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF YOUR CITY.

APPENDIX II

COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE UNIT

ANALYST REPORT

NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

As part of the Dundee Community Safety Partnership Community Plan 2004-07 it was identified as necessary to 'undertake research to establish the impact of alcohol related crime' [Ref: CSA13]. This report is submitted in part response to this requirement.

SUMMARY:

Analysis of crime and disorder in Dundee between midnight and 0400 shows a clear majority of incidents occurring in Section 1, which accounts for: 26.4 % of all crimes reported during the period

including - 79.9% of FPNs issued

- 56.7% of all reported assaults in the city of Dundee

32% of offensive weapon arrests

In comparison, Section 3, which contains more than twelve thousand more people than section 1 accounted for 15.7 % of all crimes reported during the same period.

Analysis of statistics¹ for Assault, indecency, public drinking, vandalism and disturbance calls and the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices [FPNs] for the period of midnight to 0400 in Section 1 shows a clear focus of incidents around three linked streets; Ward Road, South Ward Road and North Lindsay Street. These streets contain a large number of licensed premises, particularly night-clubs, and late opening food outlets. Together, these three streets account for:

- 38.2 % of FPNS
- 45.8 % of Assaults
- 25 % of Indecencies
- 52.8 % of Disturbances
- 19 % of Vandalisms
- 60 % of Public Drinking
- 33 % of Offensive Weapon arrests

reported during the period of midnight to 0400. This time period was chosen as it covers the period when night-clubs and pubs close, resulting in an unregulated mass of inebriated persons moving towards food outlets and a limited numbers of taxis, resulting in a variety of disorders.



1 Taken from the Command & Control database

Fixed Penalty Notices [FPNs]

Since their introduction of FPNs on 01/04/2005 a total of 335 have been issued in the city of Dundee between midnight and 0400. Of this total 79.9% have been issued in Section 1 and 38.2 % have been issued in Ward Road, South Ward Road and North Lindsay Street

	TOTAL	Breach of the Peace	Urination/ defecation in a public place	Consumption of alcohol in a public place	Vandalism	Drunk and Incapable	Refusal to leave licensed premises
Ward Road	28	10	15	3	-	-	
South Ward Road	76	27	26	18	1	2	2
North Lindsay Street	24	11	16	5			1

ASSAULTS

Since the beginning of 2005 there have been 386 calls to the police regarding assaults in section 1 accounting for 56.7% of all reported assaults in the city of Dundee². 193 [50%] of assaults in section 1 have been reported between midnight and 0400. Of the assaults within this time period 88 [45.6%] of these calls have occurred in Ward Road, South Ward Road or North Lindsay Street, with the majority being reported in South Ward Road in relation to the Mardi Gras and Fat Sam's Night-clubs. Additionally, Section 1also sees the majority of violence towards police officers, with 38% of Assaults, 31% of IDA and 25% of exposure to violence reports resulting from policing the section.

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

Section 1 accounts for 47.3% of persons found to be in possession of offensive weapons during midnight to 0400 [and 32% of persons arrested out-with this period]. Of offensive weapons arrests in section 1, 33% occurred in the vicinity of Ward Road, South Ward Road and North Lindsay Street, the majority of which involved bottles and glasses removed from licensed premises.

INDECENCIES

Since the beginning of 2005 there have been 28 calls to the police regarding indecencies in section 1, of which 8 [35%] have been reported between midnight and 0400. 2 [25%] of the indecencies within this period have occurred in Ward Road, South Ward Road or North Lindsay Street. The majority of these cases are as a result of, or exacerbated by, the effects of alcohol.

DISTURBANCES

Since the beginning of 2005 there have been 476 calls to the police regarding disturbances in section 1, of which 261 [54.8 %] have been reported between midnight and 0400. 138 [52.8%] of the incidents within this period have occurred in Ward Road, South Ward Road or North Lindsay Street, the majority around the Mardi Gras and Fat Sam's Night-clubs and Corfu Kebabs.

VANDALISM

Since the beginning of 2005 there have been 280 calls to the police regarding vandalism in section 1, of which 37 [13.2%] have been reported between midnight and 0400. 7 [19%] of the vandalisms within this period have occurred in Ward Road, South Ward Road or North Lindsay Street. These incidences of vandalism predominantly take the form of damage to windows and buildings caused by thrown objects and physical attacks. Again, the majority of these cases are as a result of the effects of alcohol.

PUBLIC DRINKING

Since the beginning of 2005 there have been 22 calls to the police regarding consumption of alcohol in a public place in section 1 - accounting for 26.8% of all incidences of public drinking reported in the city of Dundee. Of the incidents reported in section 1, 5 [22.7%] were reported between midnight and 0400. 3 [60%] of the incidents within this period have occurred in Ward Road, South Ward Road or North Lindsay Street.

² Taken from INTEGRITY database.