Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill

Police Scotland

What are the Police Scotland Key Messages in relation to this Subject?

- Support for Drink Banning Orders
- Adjustment to police process in relation to fixed penalties.
- Clarity on organisation and operation of Approved courses.

Please provide a narrative / summary of the Subject area, including reference to the key messages and supporting evidence.

In general Police Scotland supports this bill and believe it contains a number of positive proposals that could assist in reducing alcohol related crime. The following is additional context around certain items of the bill;

**DRINK BANNING ORDERS**

Police Scotland support the proposed use of the Drink Banning Orders. It is anticipated that this type of order could effectively deal with conduct that amounts to anti-social behaviour rather than violent offending which might be dealt with by means of a section 94 Licensing (Scotland ) Act 2005 - Exclusion Order.

**FIXED PENALTY**

Police Scotland would require some adjustment to our current processes to facilitate fixed penalties and associated costs would require to be considered.

**APPROVED COURSES**

Police Scotland note there is no reference to the organisation and operation of approved courses and would intimate that this is not a police function.

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