# **AGENDA ITEM No.18**

### EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

### 1 MARCH 2018

### Report by Deputy Chief Executive

# EAST RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM APPOINTMENT OF FORUM MEMBER

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval for the appointment of a new licensee member to the East Renfrewshire Local Licensing Forum.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Council approve the appointment of the Mr Bhart to the East Renfrewshire Local Licensing Forum.

### **REPORT**

3. Membership of the East Renfrewshire Local Licensing Forum comprises 18 members in the following categories:-

Local Residents	7
Licensees	4
Police	1
Health	1
Education	1
Social Work	1
Licensing Standards Officer	1
Young Persons	2

- 4. For various reasons the number of licensee representatives on the forum has diminished and efforts have been made to try and refresh the licensee membership of the forum.
- 5. As part of his regular visits to licensed premises the Licensing Standards Officer has been advising licensees of the existence of the forum and encouraging them to consider applying for membership.
- 6. As a result of these efforts 1 application for forum membership has been received from a licensee: Mr Onker Singh Bhart.
- 7. Mr Bhart holds both a premises and personal licence with the East Renfrewshire Licensing Board. He is the proprietor of 2 licensed premises in the area in Netherlee and Clarkston CHECK.
- 8. Mr Bhart brings to the forum his knowledge and experience of the practical application of the law and the challenges that retailers and communities face around alcohol.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve the appointment of Mr Bhart to the East Renfrewshire Local 12. Licensing Forum.

<u>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</u> Background Papers – None

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