

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

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**ANGUS LICENSING BOARD – BOARD MEMBER VACANCY**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This report advises the Council of a vacancy in the membership of Angus Licensing Board and seeks agreement not to fill the vacancy until the new Council in May 2017.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) notes the vacancy in the membership of Angus Licensing Board and the Civic Licensing Committee following the retirement of Councillor Bob Spink,
- (ii) notes the training requirements imposed by legislation on new members to the Licensing Board,
- (iii) agrees that until May 2017, Angus Licensing Board and the Civic Licensing Committee comprise nine members.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Vacancies have arisen in the membership of Angus Licensing Board and the Civic Licensing Committee following the retirement of Councillor Bob Spink. The membership of Angus Licensing Board and the Civic Licensing Committee is the same.

Council is asked to note that any new member of the Licensing Board must, by law, attend, and pass, a one day training course within three months of being appointed and cannot participate in Board business until the training course is passed. In addition, all Board members must complete the same training when they are appointed after the Local Government Election in May 2017.

It is submitted that it would be more effective and efficient to agree that between now and May 2017 Angus Licensing Board and the Civic Licensing Committee comprise nine members until May 2017 and thereafter revert to ten members.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The training course is run on demand and costs £185 per Board Member if run for more than one Board. If one to one training is required then the cost is higher. Travel costs would be dependant on the venue (past events have been run in Glasgow and Aberdeen).

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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