

1 LOCAL ELECTIONS 2012 (AN183-2011)

Elections to the City Council are to be held on 3rd May, 2012 and, at the statutory meeting following those elections, members will be elected to the Licensing Board.

Schedule 1 to the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requires members to undergo training within three months of their appointment (or re-appointment) to membership. Paragraph 11(3) of that Schedule states inter alia that a member must not take part in any proceedings of the Board until the member has provided evidence to the Clerk that the member has been trained.

There will inevitably be a delay between appointment to the Board and arranging suitable training. Discussions are ongoing with Dundee College as to dates, etc, to minimise this period.

Existing members of the Board who are re-elected as Councillors continue to be Board members until the statutory meeting but cannot take part in any proceedings owing to the above requirement for training. As well as resulting in no meetings of the Board being called to consider new applications or major variations, it also means that applications for occasional licences, extended hours, etc, cannot be dealt with under delegated powers by any members until they have attended the training course.

In order that this ordinary business can continue to be dealt with timeously, it is recommended that it be delegated to the Clerk to deal with any applications currently dealt with by the Convener under powers delegated during the period from the day of the ordinary elections to the first meeting of the Licensing Board following in 2012 and in all future years in which there are ordinary elections to the Council.