

**4 LICENSING COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP (AN393-2003)**

A. Reference is made to Article IV of the minute of meeting of the City Council held on 15th May, 2003, when, among other things, it was agreed that the Licensing Committee should comprise 14 members and places were allocated on the basis of 5 SNP, 5 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent.

Reference is also made to Article I of the minute of meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 26th June 2003 wherein it was noted that the Independent member, Councillor Borthwick had intimated that he did not intend to take up the place allocated to him. This matter would require the reallocation of places between the Administration, SNP and Conservative Groups.

The original allocation was:-

<u>Admin</u>	<u>SNP</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Ind</u>
5.78 (6)	5.32 (5)	2.42 (2)	0.48 (1)

0.48 divided between the three other groups brings out (ie 0.16 each)

5.94	5.48	2.88	
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Which, if rounded to the nearest whole number gives:-

$$6 : \quad 5 : \quad 3 \quad = 14$$

On this basis such a reallocation of places would allow for an additional place for the Conservative Group and the City Council's instructions are requested in this regard.