

## **Community Representation**

With reference to article 1 of the minute of the joint meeting between the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum of 1 December 2010, it was noted that further discussion was required by the Forum with regards to extending their engagement with the community. One part of this issue is included as a standing item on the Forum's workplan. Item 1 states that we will "Find out from communities what are their areas of concern". This may involve re-engaging with Community Councils across Aberdeen.

Another aspect of this item involves the scope of community representation in the membership of the Forum. At present, the Aberdeen University Student Association have a vacant spot on the Forum. Last October, the Clerk to the Licensing Forum contacted Aberdeen University Student Association to advise them of this. It was noted that Aberdeen University and Robert Gordon's University normally share this spot and it was the turn of a representative of Robert Gordon's to attend for this term. As such, Aberdeen University Student Association forwarded on the Forum's details to Robert Gordon's. At present, we haven't received a response from Robert Gordon's University.

### **It is recommended that:**

- (i) the Forum write to all Community Councils advising them of the Forum's role in licensing and that representation of concerns can be made for discussion at Forum level; and
- (ii) the Forum contact Robert Gordon's University to source an appropriate student representative to fill the vacant spot currently held by Aberdeen University Student Association.