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**Attendance at Licensing Forum Meetings**

Hello Jill,

At the last meeting of the Central Aberdeenshire Licensing Forum, members asked me to contact you to ask whether it would be possible for you to attend Forum meetings from time to time to give members an update on the work of the Licensing Board. Councillor Shand attends every Forum meeting but they asked if you would consider attending in addition to Councillor Shand, possibly to give another perspective on the work of the Board?

If you could let me know if this is a possibility, that would be appreciated.

Many thanks,  
Fiona

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**RE: Attendance at Licensing Forum Meetings**

Fiona,

I regret that we don't have the legal resource at present for a solicitor to attend the forum's meetings other than the annual joint meeting. You will have seen the separate discussion regarding South board.

I would mention that the Depute Clerks can only give legal advice to the Board, not the Forums as has been discussed. I appreciate that the Forum members are seeking a different perspective on the work the Board does, to that given by Cllr Shand. However, I regret it is just not possible at the present time.

Kind regards,

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Central Aberdeenshire Licensing Forum.

The Forum's role is to keep under review the operation of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in the Forum area and to give advice and make recommendations to the Licensing Board in relation to those matters members consider appropriate. The Forum is the community's voice on liquor licensing issues.

Members of the Forum feel a positive step in engaging fully with the various stakeholders involved would be to have more representation from the off-sales sector. To this end, I am contacting you as the manager of a licensed supermarket to ask if you, or another member of your management team, would consider applying to join the Licensing Forum.

The five licensing objectives which the Board and the Forum work to promote are:-

- Preventing crime and disorder
- Securing public safety
- Preventing public nuisance
- Protecting and improving public health
- Protecting children from harm

There is a local Forum for each of the Licensing Board areas and the Central Forum meets in Aberdeenshire Council's Gordon House offices or the Town Hall in Inverurie. Meetings are held approximately quarterly, on Wednesday mornings, starting at 10.30 am and generally continuing until around 12.30. The Forum includes representatives from the health sector, Police Scotland, the Licensing Board, licence holders and residents in the area who have an interest in licensing matters. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 18 March.

Please find below a link to take you to the page on Aberdeenshire Council's website which gives general information on the Aberdeenshire Licensing Forums. Further down the page, you will see a link for the Central Forum. Once you navigate to that page, there are links at the right hand side of the page to minutes and agendas and these may give you an idea of the type of topics the Forum discusses:-

[http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/licensing/local\\_forums/index.asp](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/licensing/local_forums/index.asp)

I hope that this will be of interest to you and should you require any further information, please contact Fiona Tweedie. Her details are listed at the top of this letterhead.

Yours faithfully,

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Convener, Central Aberdeenshire Licensing Forum