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Four New Board Members appointed to the Football Licensing Authority

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister for Sport, has appointed Pauleen Lane, Peter Rowley, Ronald Wilkie and Derek Wilson to the board of the Football Licensing Authority. Their appointments are for the three years from 13 July 2009 to 12 July 2012.

Pauleen Lane

Dr Lane is a civil engineer by training, and is currently a part-time lecturer at the University of Manchester and an elected member of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council, where she was Mayor in 2005-6. From 1999-2008 she was a Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chair of English Partnerships. Dr Lane is a board member of the Theatres Trust (unremunerated), the Tenants Services Authority (£13,000 per annum for two days per month), and the Coal Authority (£11,214 per annum for two days per month). She is a Trustee of the New Local Government Network, and has been nominated as Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure Planning Commission. She was awarded a CBE in 2005 for services to local government. She holds no other public appointments.

Peter Rowley

Mr Rowley has recently retired as a director and Chief Executive of Darlington Building Society, and was also Chairman of Sport England North-East until its winding-up at the end of 2008. He is a Governor of Teesside University, a director of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Tees Valley Community Foundation, and a board member of the Nations & Regions Group within the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG). He holds no other public appointments.

Ronnie Wilkie

Mr Wilkie is the Operations Director at Ascot Racecourse and has been involved in all aspects of the redevelopment, certification and operation of the site. After beginning his career in the British Army, Mr Wilkie was Group Administration Manager for Erskine House Group plc (1986-88), and then held various Director roles with the consultancy firm Booz Allen & Hamilton, until switching to his Ascot role in 2002. He holds no other public appointments.

Derek Wilson

Mr Wilson is a practising architect. He was a Principal of HOK Sport until 2006, and was previously a Director of Lobb Sports Architecture. He has specialised in stadium design and sports event masterplanning (including London Olympic Park) for 20 years. He was Head of Design and Overlay for the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG), and now runs his own practice. He holds no other public appointments.

Background

The Football Licensing Authority is an independent public body set up under the Football Spectators Act 1989. Their mission is to ensure that all spectators regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, disability, or the team that they support are able to attend sports grounds in safety, comfort and security.

Dr Lane, Mr Rowley, Mr Wilkie and Mr Wilson will join the following board members:

Paul Darling QC (Chairman)
Brendon Batson MBE
James Dickie
Julie Summerell
John Woodrow

Appointments to the FLA Board are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and follow the OCPA Code of Practice. Board members receive £255 per day worked, on the basis that they will devote approximately one day per month to the task. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for defined political activity in the last five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Rowley, Mr Wilkie and Mr Wilson have declared no such political activity. Dr Lane is a Local Councillor in Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council and has been its Mayor, and has held office at the local branch of the Labour Party.