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ANTHONY SPEED CBE QPM DL

Anthony Speed has been reappointed as Chairman of the Football Licensing Authority for a further three years, with effect from 17 April 2006.

Mr Speed served with the Metropolitan Police from 1957-1999, retiring as Assistant Commissioner, and is a public order and crisis management specialist. A former Chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers Public Order Committee and the European Public Order Group, he has extensive experience of safety and public order issues at major sporting and other events. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1991, and received his CBE in 1999. He became Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Lambeth in 2005.

#### **Notes to editors**

The Football Licensing Authority was established by the 1989 Football Spectators Act and monitors the oversight by local authorities of spectator safety at international, Premiership and Football League grounds. In December 1998, following a major review, the Government announced that the FLA would in due course become the Sports Ground Safety Authority with responsibility for overseeing safety of other sports in addition to football. It presented legislation to this effect to Parliament but the 2001 General Election intervened. Ministers are currently considering the possibility of expanding the role of the FLA and are exploring how this can best be achieved.

Public appointments to the FLA are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Mr Speed receives a remuneration of £17,000 for an anticipated 4 days per month. He holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last 5 years.