

FOOTBALL LICENSING AUTHORITY REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Richard Caborn, the Minister for Sport, has reappointed Ms Pamela Carvell and Dr Brian Robertson to the football Licensing Authority for a second term. The appointments will be for three years with effect from 19 July 2005.

Biographical details

Dr Robertson is an expert in the field of pre-hospital emergency medical care and mass gathering medicine, who lectures internationally on the subject. After leaving the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1979, he spent 22 years in General Practice, while also holding the position of Commanding Officer of a 200-bed Territorial Army Field Hospital until 1999. From 1982 to 1995 he was Editor of the *Journal of the British Association for Immediate Care*. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1989, and received a first bar in 1995. He has been Medical Director of the Farnborough International Air Show, and in 1997 was awarded the Haywood Medal for his contribution to pre-hospital care in the UK. He is an Officer Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem since 1992.

Pamela Carvell is Founding Director of Pampas, an international sales and marketing consultancy specialising in the hospitality and leisure industries, which she created in 1991. Her earlier career was in performance improvement and advertising before entering hospitality, first with Holiday Inns International and then Periquito Hotels, a British hotel group which she co-founded in 1989. She is Chairman of the Hotel Marketing Association, and a member of the Hotel and Catering International Management Association, the Chartered Institute of Marketing, and the Institute of Directors.

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.

Remuneration for these appointments is £250 per day, plus reasonable expenses, for an anticipated 20 days per year.

Neither Dr Robertson nor Ms Carvell has undertaken any significant political activity in the last five years.

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