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To: Chairs of Licensing Forums

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Dear Sir/Madam

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL LICENSING FORUM

I refer to previous communications in respect of the above proposal initiated by East Ayrshire Council Local Licensing Forum to establish a National Licensing Forum.

You may recall that following questionnaire returns in March 2017 we wrote to you again in December 2017 with responses asked for by the end of April 2018 in respect of a proposal that each Licensing Forum Authority make contact with their respective MSPs to raise awareness of the Local Authorities who supported the proposal for the establishment of a National Licensing Forum and report back to East Ayrshire Council on the outcome of this exercise.

I can now advise you that very few responses were in fact received and accordingly East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum at a meeting on 14 August 2018 agreed that due to the lack of interest from other Licensing Forums at this time, not to pursue this matter any further.

I shall be glad if you will update your own Licensing Forum on this matter and meanwhile I would take the opportunity to thank all of those Licensing Authorities who continued to engage throughout this process. Your input was much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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pp Jennifer Morrison
Democratic Services Officer
(On behalf of the Chair of East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum)
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