

ANGUS COUNCIL - 18 FEBRUARY 2016

REVIEW OF MISCELLANEOUS LIQUOR LICENSING FEES

REPORT BY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to note the recommended increase of certain fees charged in respect of the processing of certain applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which will be considered by Angus Licensing Board at its meeting on 25 February 2016.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended the Council note the recommended increase of certain fees charged in respect of the processing of certain applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which will be considered by Angus Licensing Board at its meeting on 25 February 2016.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Scottish Government has set a number of fees in relation to certain applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. In addition, a number of fees have been previously agreed by the Board within parameters set by the Scottish Government. There are a number of types of applications where the Board has sole discretion to fix these fees. Following a detailed review, a general percentage rise of approximately 2.5% has been identified as being required for the forthcoming financial year. A new fee structure is proposed and is attached at Appendix 1 which, for comparison purposes, also shows the current structure. Whilst the increase in the proposed new structure is approximately 2.5% for both new and renewal applications, the discrepancy between figures can be partly explained in the rounding process as a number of fees have been rounded to provide more manageable figures.

2.2 It is recommended the Council note the recommended increase of certain fees charged in respect of the processing of certain applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which will be considered by Angus Licensing Board at its meeting on 25 February 2016. It is proposed that the increase, if accepted, will be implemented from 1 April 2016.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 If approved the review of fees should result in increased income to the Council which will offset increased costs of administering the liquor licensing functions.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Strategic Director - Resources and the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**SHEONA C HUNTER
CLERK TO THE LICENSING BOARD**

APPENDIX TO REPORT 57/16

| <u>Type of Application</u> | <u>Current Fee</u> | <u>New Fee</u> |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Application to transfer a Premises Licence by the licence holder including an application for variation (which is not a minor variation) | £233 | £239 |
| Application to transfer a Premises Licence by the licence holder including an application for a minor variation | £65 | £67 |
| Application to transfer a Premises Licence by the licence holder which does not include an application for variation | £41 | £42 |
| Application to transfer a Premises Licence by a person other than the licence holder including an application for variation (which is not a minor variation) | £233 | £239 |
| Application to transfer a Premises Licence by a person other than the licence holder including an application for a minor variation | £65 | £67 |
| Application to transfer a Premises Licence by a person other than the licence holder which does not include an application for variation | £41 | £42 |
| Application to vary a Premises Licence other than a Minor Variation | £190 | £195 |
| Application for a Temporary Premises Licence | £239 | £245 |
| Application for Replacement Personal Licence | £25 | £26 |
| Certified Copy of Premises Licence | £24 | £25 |