

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF ANGUS COUNCIL – 16 FEBRUARY 2017

REVIEW OF CIVIC LICENSING FEES

REPORT BY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to note an increase of fees charged in respect of licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous statutes.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is asked to note;-

- (i) the revised fee structure contained in **Appendix 1** approved by the Civic Licensing Committee on 5 January 2017; and
- (ii) note the implementation date of 1 April 2017.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Sections 12 & 15 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 obliges the Council to ensure that the total amount of fees charged by it is sufficient to meet the expenditure incurred in carrying out the functions of the licensing authority under that Act. By reviewing fees on an annual basis large increases can be avoided. The last review of fees was carried out in January 2016.
- 2.2 It is recommended the Council note the increase of certain fees which will be implemented from 1 April 2017.
- 2.3 Whilst the increase in the proposed new structure for council fees is approximately 2.5% for both new and renewal applications, the variance between figures can be explained in the rounding process as a number of fees have been rounded to provide more manageable figures.

3. RISKS

- 3.1 This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The review of fees should result in increased income of approximately £2k to the Council.

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Revised Fee Structure