

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2016

REVIEW OF FEE STRUCTURE – PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

REPORT BY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to;-

- (i) approve the revised fee structure contained in **Appendix 1**; and
- (ii) agree an implementation date of 1 September 2016.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At present Public Entertainment licences are charged at a flat fee of £154.00 for Grants and £128.00 for renewals. There is also a discounted rate for registered Charities of £36.00 for Grants and £29.00 for renewals.
- 2. These flat rates do not take into account the disproportionate amount of work put into processing applications for larger or temporary venues. It is proposed that there would be an increasing scale fee for larger events and maintaining the discount for Registered Charities. It is also proposed that the reduced cost for renewal be abolished and replaced with a three year licence charged at 175% of the 1 year licence. This will reduce the administrative burden on council departments and external consultees as well as offering a further discount to premises within Angus.
- 2. The attached proposal creates a scale of fees based on the capacity of the venue or event, retaining a significant discount for registered charities. Last year there were 64 premises licenced in Angus, and 58 temporary licences granted. Under the proposed scale, all of the commercial premises licenced in Angus can benefit from an average reduction in fees of up to 20.45%, and the fees for registered charities being reduced by 32% if they opt for three year licenses. This is accommodated by significant increases in fees for larger events which use a disproportionate amount of Council resources. Based on last years applications and the 2.5% fee increase proposed to take effect on 1 April 2016, Overall the fee structure change will not significantly alter the Council revenue from public entertainment licences.
- 2. It is proposed that the increased fees, if accepted, will be implemented from 1 September 2016.

3. RISKS

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

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If approved the review of the fee structure should not result in any change to income to the Council which offsets costs of administering the licensing functions.

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

**APPENDIX 1 TO REPORT NO 96/16
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(a) Current and proposed Public Entertainment Licence fees

Current fees (to be implemented on 1 st April 2016)		
	Grant	Renewal
charity	£ 37.00	£ 30.00
Commercial	£ 158.00	£ 131.00

Proposed Fees					
Capacity of venue/ event	1Year/Temp	3 Year (175% of one year licence fee)	Average annual cost of 3 year licence	<i>Percentage difference in annual cost of license fee based on 1 year licence</i>	<i>Percentage difference in annual cost of license fee based on 3 year licence</i>
<200	£ 140.00	£ 245.00	£ 81.67	-11%	-38%
200-1499	£ 200.00	£ 350.00	£ 116.67	27%	-11%
1500-4999	£ 350.00	£ 612.50	£ 204.17	122%	56%
5000-9999	£ 500.00	£ 875.00	£ 291.67	216%	123%
10000+	£ 750.00	£ 1,312.50	£ 437.50	375%	234%
Charity	£ 35.00	£ 61.25	£ 20.42	-5%	-32%