

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

LICENSING OF TEMPORARAY CARAVAN SITES - DELEGATION

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to consider delegating authority to the Director of Communities to grant applications for temporary caravan site licenses where the duration of the licence is twenty eight days or less, appropriate planning consents are in place and that, in determining what if any conditions to attach to a site licence, to have regard to the relevant Model Standards for Caravan Sites produced by the Scottish Government.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommend to Angus Council:-

- (i) that the Scheme of Delegation to Officers be amended to authorise the Director of Communities to:-

to grant applications for temporary caravan site licenses where the duration of the licence is twenty eight days or less, appropriate planning consents are in place and that, in determining what if any conditions to attach to a site licence, to have regard to the relevant Model Standards for Caravan Sites produced by the Scottish Government.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Angus Council is the licensing authority for the Angus Area in terms of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 ("the 1960 Act"). In terms of the Council's Order of Reference to Committees, the functions of the Council in terms of the 1960 Act are referred to this Committee. Committee is asked to note that, with the exception of residential caravan site licence applications, the licensing authority must grant a site licence if the site has the benefit of planning permission for the proposed use.
- 2.2 Members will be aware that the Council is processing more applications for caravan site licences for short periods in connection with festivals and other events. It is anticipated that this demand will increase as more and more events offer caravan site facilities as part of the services provided. At present, these applications require to be determined by the Committee. Given the limited duration of these licences (often for only three or four days), it is submitted that delegating authority to grant these types of licences would be a more effective, efficient and economic use of resources than presenting each application to the Committee for determination.
- 2.3 The 1960 Act provides that the licensing authority can attach conditions to the grant of licences and that the Scottish Ministers may from time to time specify model standards which a local authority shall have regard to in determining what, if any, conditions to attach to a site licence.
- 2.4 In light of the above, it is recommended that the Committee recommend to Angus Council to delegate authority to the Director of Communities to grant applications for temporary caravan site licenses where the duration of the licence is twenty eight days or less, appropriate planning consents are in place and that, in determining what if any conditions to attach to a site licence, to have regard to the relevant Model Standards for Caravan Sites produced by the Scottish Government.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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