

LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**22 MARCH 2017**

REPORT TITLE	PERIODIC REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCES
REPORT OF	MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR DELIVERY

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee to review and approve the licence fee in respect of Sexual Entertainment Venue Licences with effect from 1 April 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approve the Sexual Entertainment Venue fee of £1240 with effect from 1 April 2017.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement for this Committee to approve the licence fee.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 enables the authority to charge the applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence a “reasonable fee”. All costs of providing the service should be included in the fee so that there is no subsidisation by council tax payers.
- 3.2 Whilst authorities should not charge unfairly large fees it is possible to set fees which reflect the true costs of providing an efficient licensing service.
- 3.3 The current application fee and renewal fee for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence is £1,226. A review of the costs of administering this process and ensuring compliance has been undertaken and it has been identified that from April 2017 the licensing function will be subject to a 1% increase in staffing costs. Members are therefore asked to approve an increase in the licensing fee for Sexual Entertainment Venues to £1240 to reflect the increase in this cost of the administration.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are financial implications to the Council in undertaking this legal duty and this is recognised in the legislation which gives provision for the Council to recover the costs of administering the scheme and to ensure compliance.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A decision of this Committee can be subject to legal action.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There are risks that the costs associated with the administration of licences for Sexual Entertainment Venues may not be recovered should the licence fee not be increased.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 There is no legal requirement for consultation to be undertaken when setting this fee.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing, Health and Safety, and General Purposes Committee	28 January 2015
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	16 March 2016