

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

28 January 2015

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PERIODIC REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCES</b>
<b>WARD AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL WARDS</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR of REGENERATION &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 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 2015.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 The current application fee and renewal fee for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence is £1,200. A review of the costs of administering this process and ensuring compliance has been undertaken and it has been identified that from January 2015 the licensing function will be subject to a 2.2% increase in staffing costs. Members are therefore asked to approve an increase in the licensing fee for Sexual Entertainment Venues to £1226 to reflect the increase in this cost of the administration.

### 3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### 4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

## **5.0 CONSULTATION**

5.1 There is no legal obligation to consult in the implementation of this legislation.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

7.1 There are cost 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.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 A decision of the Committee may be subject to legal challenge.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No because there is no relevance to equality.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no Planning implications arising out of this report.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

12.1 That Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approve the Sexual Entertainment Venue fee of £1226 with effect from 1 April 2015.

## **13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

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

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**APPENDICES**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY**

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>