

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 17 January 2023

BY: Executive Director for Council Resources

SUBJECT: Charges Relating to Licensing of Public Entertainment Activities

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of the introduction of new, shorter term licences for Public Entertainment activities, for periods of both one and two years, and to seek approval of the proposed licence fees for these new licences.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet -
- (i) Notes that on 10 November 2022 Licensing Sub-Committee approved the granting of Public Entertainment Licenses for a reduced duration of one or two years;
 - (ii) Approve the fee of £200 for a one year licence and
 - (iii) Approve the fee of £400 for a two year licence.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the default duration of a licence is three years, or such shorter period as the licensing authority may decide. At the present time the duration of a Public Entertainment Licence is three years, and the fee for this is presently £600. This does not include the larger scale, multi-event type licences which fall into a separate category, and are not affected by the proposals in this report.
- 3.2 It has been noted that for some categories of public entertainment activities, an initial outlay of £600 can be potentially prohibitive, and that in some cases having a licence for a duration of three years may be considered unnecessary or less flexible than might be desired.

- 3.3 In an attempt to address this potential issue, the Licensing Sub-Committee agreed at their meeting on 10 November 2022 to introduce the option of applicants being able to obtain a Public Entertainment Licence for a period of one and two years, while retaining the present three year option. It was recommended that the fees for these shorter duration licences be fixed at the relevant proportion of the three year licence- namely £200 for a one year licence and £400 for a two year licence.
- 3.4 If the fees are approved applicants would have the option to apply for any of the three durations of licence, as best suits their individual business model and funding arrangements.
- 3.5 The Licensing Sub-Committee agreed these proposals, noting that confirmation of the proposed fees for the new one and two year licences would be subject to formal approval/adoption by Cabinet. The present report is seeking Cabinet approval of these proposed fees.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial- None
- 6.2 Personnel - none
- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Report to Licensing Sub-Committee 10.11.22

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