

Request for Reduction of Fees – Temporary Public Entertainment Licence – The Dundas Foundation

Licensing Sub-Committee

19th August 2011

Purpose of report

- 1 To advise the Committee of a request for a reduction in the fees charged for four charity/voluntary organisation public entertainment licence applications for premises at Dalmeny Church.

Main report

- 2 Appendix 1 to this report consists of a letter from The Dalmeny Foundation dated 1 July 2011 requesting a reduction in the application fees for four charity/voluntary organisation public entertainment licence applications.

- 3 Applications for four public entertainment licences for the periods

18 September 2011	6:00 – 11:00pm
30 October – 27 November 2011	6:00 – 11:00pm
25 March 2012	6:00 – 11:00pm
15 April – 20 May 2012	6:00 – 11:00pm

were received by the Council on 13 July 2011. Where an applicant is a charity or community organisation and the venue capacity to be licensed is less than 200 persons then the Council may grant temporary public entertainment licences for a maximum period of six weeks and apply a reduced application fee in this respect. The applicant, The Dundas Foundation, is a registered Scottish charity and therefore in line with the Council's agreed scale of fees a reduced application fee of £106.00 was applied to each application. The applicable licence fee for a commercial organisation with the same audience capacity is £849.00.

- 4 The appended letter sets out the applicant's request that the application fees be restricted to two fees of £106.00 covering its autumn and spring series of events. A representative of the Dundas Foundation has been invited to address the Committee on the terms of the request for reduced licence application fees.

Financial Implications

- 5 The Council's scale of fees for licensing applications was approved with effect from 1st April 2010. The fees for the financial year 2011/12 are unchanged.

Any reduction of fees would require to be absorbed by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 licensing budget for 2011/12. There is no current facility in the budget to cover any shortfall therefore this would potentially require to be met by an increase in fees for other events.

Environmental Impact

6 There is no environmental impact arising from the contents of this report.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider, in light of the current budgetary situation, whether or not to grant a reduction of the four charity/voluntary body public entertainment licence application fees and if so, the amount by which the fees should be reduced.

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Appendices	Letter from Dundas Foundation dated 1 July 2011
Contact/tel/Email	Caitlin Tilbury, Solicitor (Licensing) / 0131 529 4424 / caitlin.tilbury@edinburgh.gov.uk
Wards affected	citywide
Single Outcome Agreement	Supports National Outcome 1 – “We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe” Supports Local Outcome – “Edinburgh Festivals have a global competitive edge” Supports National Outcome 11 – “We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others” Supports Local Outcome – “Edinburgh has strong, engaged and supported voluntary and community sectors that enable people to participate in their communities” Supports National Outcome 13 – “We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity” Supports Local Outcome – “All residents including those from minority backgrounds are able to actively participate in the community”
Background Papers	City of Edinburgh Council licence application fees list