

## Request for Reduction of Fees – Public Entertainment Licence – Beltane Fire Festival

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### Licensing Sub-Committee

20<sup>th</sup> April 2012

#### Purpose of report

- 1 To advise the committee of a request for a reduction in the fee charged for a Public Entertainment licence for the Beltane Fire Festival event at Calton Hill.

#### Main report

- 2 Appendix 1 to this report consists of a letter from the Beltane Fire Society Limited, requesting a reduction in the application fee for a temporary Public Entertainment licence.
- 3 The application for temporary Public Entertainment licence was received on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The applicable licence fee, having regard to the capacity of the premises, is £8,743. The applicants previously benefited from a reduced fee of £1,000 for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- 4 The appended letter provides details of the basis upon which the fee reduction request has been made.
- 5 The Regulatory Committee will be considering a report on Public Entertainment licensing earlier in the day, the outcome of which may affect the terms of this fee reduction report. In any event, a representative from the Beltane Fire Society Limited will be invited to address the committee on the terms of the request for a reduced fee.

#### Financial Implications

- 6 The Council's scale of fees for licensing applications was approved with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. Any reduction of fees would require to be absorbed by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 licensing budget for 2012/13.

#### Environmental Impact

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

## Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the terms of the fee reduction request and to decide whether or not to grant a reduction of the temporary Public Entertainment licence application fee.

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Appendices	1. letter from Beltane Fire Society Limited dated 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
Contact/tel/Email	Nick Fraser, Senior Solicitor (Licensing) / 0131 529 4424 / nicholas.fraser@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