

Licensing Sub Committee

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Request for Reduction of Fees – Renewal of Public Entertainment Licence – 8 Jacksons Entry, 11 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh (Serenity Café)

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Executive summary

Request for Reduction of Fees – Renewal of Public Entertainment Licence – 8 Jacksons Entry, 11 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh (Serenity Café)

Summary

To refer to the committee, a request for a reduction in the fee charged for renewal of a Public Entertainment licence for the Serenity Cafe premises at 11 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the terms of the fee reduction request, to decide whether or not to grant a reduction of the Public Entertainment licence renewal fee and if so, for what amount.

Measures of success

Not applicable.

Financial impact

The Council's scale of fees for licensing applications was approved with effect from 1 April 2012. Any reduction of fees would require to be absorbed by the licensing budget for 2012/13.

Equalities impact

There is no adverse impact on the public sector equalities duty. There would accordingly be no direct equalities impact arising from this report

Sustainability impact

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

Consultation and engagement

Not applicable, Standing orders require this to be determined at committee, consultation not required.

Background reading / external references

- City of Edinburgh Council licence application fees list
- Appendix 1: letter from Comas received on 28 June 2012

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Serenity Café premises at 11 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh has requested a reduction in the fee charged for renewal of a Public Entertainment licence for those premises.

2. Main report

- 2.1 A representative from the organisation Comas has submitted a written request, seeking a reduction in the application fee for the renewal of the Public Entertainment licence for the Serenity Café premises at 8 Jacksons Entry, 111 Holyrood Road. A copy of relevant correspondence is attached to this report at appendix 1.
- The application for renewal of Public Entertainment licence was received on 28 June 2012. At the time of preparing this report, the application was still being processed. The determination date for that application is 27 December 2012.
 - The applicable licence fee, having regard to the capacity of the premises, is £711. The licence holder has provided details of the basis upon which the fee reduction request has been made. The organisation applied for a Public Entertainment licence on 28 September 2011, which was granted on 26 March 2012. The date of expiry for that licence was 30 June 2012
 - A representative from Comas will be invited to address the committee on the terms of their request for a reduced fee

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the terms of the fee reduction request, to decide whether or not to grant a reduction of the Public Entertainment licence renewal fee and if so, for what amount.

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