

Licensing Sub Committee

10.30 am Friday 16 November 2012

Request for Reduction of Fees – Renewal of Public Entertainment Licence – Units D & E, Leith Walk Trading Estate, 160 Leith Walk (Urban Paintball)

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Coalition pledges	n/a
Council outcomes	Putting Customer First
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Executive summary

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Summary

To refer to the committee, a request for a reduction in the fee charged for renewal of a Public Entertainment licence for the Urban Paintball Edinburgh Ltd premises at Flat 14, 8 Western Harbour Terrace, 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: Application for Public Entertainment licence date stamped 8 Oct 2012; followed by letter from Urban Paintball Edinburgh Ltd received on 25 October 2012

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Urban Paintball Edinburgh Ltd premises at Flat 14, 8 Western Harbour Terrace, 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 has submitted a written request, seeking a reduction in the application fee for the renewal of the Public Entertainment licence for the Urban Paintball Edinburgh Ltd premises, at Flat 14, 8 Western Harbour Terrace, Edinburgh. A copy of relevant correspondence is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
- A new application for a Public Entertainment Licence (along with the fee of £849.00) was received in March 2011. This licence was granted on 26.08.2011 with an expiry date of 30.06.2012.
 - The applicant applied to renew this licence on 16.10.2012. As the licence was submitted after 30 June, payment of a new fee of £874 was required, fees having increased in April 2012.
 - The applicant has requested a refund as he did not realise that licences run from 1 July to 30 June, regardless of when the application is granted.
 - A representative from Urban Paintball Edinburgh Ltd will be invited to address the committee on the terms of their request for a reduced fee.
 - The period of the licence is clearly stated on the licence. The committee will wish note that waiving or reducing the fee of any application made after a licence has lapsed would potentially have wider implications.

3. Recommendations

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