

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.00am, Friday, 22 May 2015

Request for Fee Reduction – Public Entertainment Licence – Armed Forces Day 2015

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Executive summary

The Council has received a request from a representative of the Armed Forces Day celebrations in 2015 for a reduction of a Public Entertainment Licence application fee.

The applicable fee would normally be £1,424. This is the fee due for a temporary Public Entertainment Licence for an event in premises with a capacity of between 201 and 1,000.

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Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- 1.1 note the terms of the request and decide what, if any, fee reduction to give.

Background

- 2.1 A representative of the Armed Forces Day 2015 has requested that the application fee due for a temporary Public Entertainment Licence for the Armed Forces Day 2015 should be waived.

Main report

- 3.1 A representative of Armed Forces Day 2015 has submitted a letter requesting that the fee due for a Public Entertainment Licence for the event should be waived. A copy of the relevant correspondence is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The fee structure for 2015/2016 was agreed by the Council. The applicable temporary Public Entertainment Licence application fee is £1,424. This is the applicable fee for a temporary Public Entertainment Licence for an event in premises with a capacity of between 201 and 1,000.
- 3.3 Historically, fee reductions or refunds for large public entertainment events of this type have only been granted if the organiser is a charity or a community group.
- 3.4 A representative of the Armed Forces Day event will be invited to address the Committee on the request to waive the fee.

Measures of success

- 4.1 The event is licensed in a proportionate and effective manner.

Financial impact

- 5.1 The Council's scale of fees for licensing applications was approved with effect from 1 April 2015. Any rebate would be required to be absorbed by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 licensing budget for 2015/16.
- 5.2 In 2015/2016, discounts of £14,545 have so far been granted by the Committee.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The fee structure was agreed by full Council. Any waiver risks setting a precedent, however the Committee has discretion in this matter.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 There is no equalities impact arising from the contents of this report.

Sustainability impact

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

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Not applicable

Background reading / external references

City of Edinburgh Council licence application fees list 2015/16

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Coalition pledges	P15: Work with public organisations, the private sector and social enterprise to promote Edinburgh to investors
Council outcomes	CO20: Culture, sport and major events – Edinburgh continues to be a leading cultural city where culture and sport play a central part in the lives and futures of citizens
Single Outcome Agreement	SO1: Edinburgh's Economy Delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all
Appendices	Appendix 1: Letter from applicant received on 22 April 2015