

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

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Request for Partial Fee Waiver – Public Entertainment and Street Trading Licences – Pearl Izumi Tour Series 2016

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Executive summary

The Council has received a request from representatives of the 2016 Pearl Izumi Tour Series to waive part of the fees due for applications for Public Entertainment and Street Trading Licences for the event which took place on 19 May.

The organisers have made a payment of £300. The total applicable fee would be £1845 for the applicable Public Entertainment Licence and Street Trading Licences.

A partial fee waiver is sought on the basis that the City of Edinburgh Council gave its support to the event which showcases Edinburgh on a national level due to media and television coverage.

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Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- 1.1 Agree a partial fee reduction to £300.

Background

- 2.1 The Pearl Izumi Tour Series is an annual cycling event which takes place at various UK and Isle of Man locations. In 2016 the event included Edinburgh, with the circuit covering routes within the city centre.
- 2.2 This event was supported by the Council.
- 2.3 The event organisers have paid £300 towards licence application fees.

Main report

- 3.1 The organisers of the Pearl Izumi Tour Series 2016 have requested that the application fees due for the temporary Public Entertainment and Street Trading Licences required for the Edinburgh event on 19 May 2016 should be partially waived. A copy of the relevant correspondence is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The fee structure for 2016/2017 was agreed by the Council. The applicable temporary Public Entertainment Licence application fee is £1481 (for a venue with a capacity between 201 and 1000) and the applicable application fee for street trading is £364 (which includes provision for four employees). The total due is therefore £1845.
- 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 If the Committee agrees to fully or partially waive the fee it is recommended that this should be on a one-off basis.

- 3.5 A representative of the Pearl Izumi Tour Series will be invited to address the Committee on the request for the fee waiver.

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 2016. Any rebate would be required to be absorbed by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 licensing budget for 2016/17.
- 5.2 In 2016/2017, discounts of £8,162 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 reduction 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 2016/17

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Appendices	Appendix 1: Email from event organiser dated 5 May 2016