



Subject:	Licence Fees for Sex Establishments
Date:	17 January 2024
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, Ext 2435
Contact Officer:	Laura Hillis, Principal Building Control Surveyor, Ext 2469

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Under Article 4 and Schedule 2 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 (the Order), the Council has powers relating to the Licensing of Sex Establishments. Paragraph 19, Schedule 2 provides that an applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence shall pay a reasonable fee determined by the council.
1.2	Unlike the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 and the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (NI) 2014, there is no procedure prescribed in the Order that the Council must follow in determining the Licence fee.
1.3	The current Sex Establishment Licence fees were set at your meeting of June 2016 and Committee agreed that a review of the fees be conducted each year.

2.0	Recommendations														
2.1	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that the current fees, last reviewed in November 2022, remain unchanged. 														
2.2	<p>Members are advised that the Licensing Committee does not have delegated powers in relation to policy decisions concerning licensing matters and as such your recommendation as to the appropriate fees for sex establishments licences will be subject to ratification by Council.</p>														
3.0	Main report														
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>After reviewing the current fees, as agreed by Committee in November 2022, these were deemed to be proportionate to the cost of the processes associated with administering a Sex Establishment Licence.</p> <p>3.2 It is therefore proposed that the fees set previously remain as shown below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 898 1182 1189"> <tr> <td>Application Fee</td> <td>£3,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Renewal Fee</td> <td>£1,430</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer Fee</td> <td>£1,125</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Licence Fee</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.3 The Sex Establishment Licence fees will ensure the cost of the operational and administration processes are proportionate to the licensing scheme.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.4 There are no issues associated with this report.</p>	Application Fee	£3,200			Renewal Fee	£1,430			Transfer Fee	£1,125			Licence Fee	£500
Application Fee	£3,200														
Renewal Fee	£1,430														
Transfer Fee	£1,125														
Licence Fee	£500														
4.0	Appendices														
	None														