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| Subject: | Review of Licence Fees for Sex Establishments |
| Date: | 20th September, 2017 |
| Reporting Officer: | Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, Ext 2435 |
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| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/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 15 June 2016 and, at that meeting, Committee also agreed that a review is conducted each year of the fees. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is recommended to agree that the current fees, as set in June, 2016, remain unchanged. |

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| 2.2 | Members are advised to note that the Licensing Committee does not have delegated powers in relation to policy decisions concerning licensing matters and, therefore, your decision on the appropriate fees to be charged for sex establishments licences will be subject to ratification by Council. | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A review of the time allocated to each task in the licensing process has been undertaken and costing estimates reviewed. This analysis has demonstrated that the current fees, as agreed by Committee last June, are still proportionate to the cost of the processes associated with administering a Sex Establishment Licence.</p> <p>3.2 As there has been no change in the current costs, it is proposed that the fees set last year remain as shown below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 757 1182 1048"> <tr> <td>Application Fee</td> <td>£3,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Renewal Fee</td> <td>£1,430</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer Fee</td> <td>£1,125</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 that the cost of the operational and administration processes are proportionate to the licensing scheme.</p> <p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.4 There has been no change in equality and good relations implications, a completed screening form has been forwarded to the Equality and Diversity Officer.</p> | Application Fee | £3,200 | Renewal Fee | £1,430 | Transfer Fee | £1,125 | Licence Fee | £500 |
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| 4.0 | Documents Attached | | | | | | | | |
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