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| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Charging for Special Policing Services</b>       |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015                          |
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| <b>Is this report restricted?</b>            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>  |
| 1.1        | The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) wrote to the Council on 27 <sup>th</sup> April to make it aware of a new policy regarding charging for special policing services at events and enterprises. This policy has been agreed with the Policing Board and is effective from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015. They have asked that this letter (Appendix 1) and the relevant Policy (Appendix 2) are brought to the attention of the Licensing Committee for information. |
| 1.2        | The PSNI wish to inform the Committee of this new policy and of the relevance it has with the Committee's role in the licensing of entertainments. The PSNI have stated in the policy that, where there is no request for PSNI services, or there is no agreement with the event organiser on the extent of provision and payment for policing services, they may look to make the case to the Committee to object to the event.  |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>   |
| 2.1        | The Committee is asked to consider the letter and policy and whether it wishes to avail of the offer to receive a briefing from the PSNI at a future meeting.   |

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| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Main report</b>   |
| 3.1        | <b><u>Key Issues</u></b><br>The PSNI have indicated they have the legal authority to charge for policing services under Section 11 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 and that this policy formalises existing arrangements and brings the PSNI into line with other Police Services within the United Kingdom. |

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| 3.2        | In cases where the PSNI cannot get agreement by way of numbers then they will seek to raise the concerns with the Licensing Committee either by objecting to the event or seeking the Council to impose their requirements by way of conditions on the entertainments.   |
| 3.3        | Entertainments Licences are granted to premises on an annual basis, so within their terms and condition they can provide entertainments for the duration of that licence. Whilst the PSNI can object at any time and are not constrained as to the substance of that objection it can only be considered at the grant and/or renewal of the licence. |
| 3.4        | If the proposed event is due to take place under a current Entertainments Licence, the only basis upon which a proposed event can be stopped is where the Council is satisfied that the event is causing, or likely to cause a serious threat to public order or public safety.  |
| 3.5        | Suspending an Entertainments Licence is a significant Council decision, which has legal and financial implications for the Council. Furthermore, before suspending a Licence, a meeting of the Licensing Committee must be convened and the applicant permitted to address the Committee before it decides whether to suspend the Licence.           |
| 3.6        | <p><b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None</p>   |
| 3.7        | <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>  |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>   |
| 4.1        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1 – Original letter from ACC Todd</li> <li>• Appendix 2 - Service Procedure: Charging for Police Services.</li> </ul>  |