

Subject:		Provision of Legal Training for Members of the Licensing Committee					
Date:		12th November, 2015					
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Is this	report restricted?	Ye	 )S		No	X	
Is the c	lecision eligible fo	or Call-in? Ye	)S	Х	No		
1.0	Purpose of Repo	ort					
1.1	Members are requested to confirm whether they would be interested in availing of training around the decision-making processes of the Licensing Committee and the general powers, functions and especially the legal issues they are exposed to when executing their duties.						
1.2	The Committee, at its meeting on the 21st October, was advised of specifically tailored legal training provided to Members of the Planning Committee by a Legal expert that was deemed to be very informative and helpful regarding the Members' roles and responsibilities in deciding on applications.						
1.3	As the Licensing Committee carries out a similar function, its Chairman subsequently sent an email to Members of that Committee to enquire if they would be interested in attending a similarly tailored legal training programme and, if so, to inform Ms. N. Largey, Principal Solicitor, who attends the Committee of any issues or areas which would be of particular benefit.						
2.0	Recommendatio	n					
2.1	Members are requested to consider if they wish to avail of a training programme tailored to suit your needs as a Member of the Licensing Committee and, if so, to forward questions etc to the Principal Solicitor to help formulate that programme.						

3.0	Main report				
	Key Issues				
3.1	As background information for Members, the Licensing Committee has delegated authority for determining the following matters:				
	<ul> <li>Licensing Places of Entertainments (Indoor &amp; Outdoor)</li> <li>Grants of Amusement Permits</li> <li>Licensing of Sex Establishments</li> <li>Licensing Street Trading</li> </ul>				
	in addition to other functions connected with matters such as making comment on applications for Liquor Licences and the Registration of Clubs.				
3.2	The Licensing Committee is responsible also for the consideration of all policy and legislation in relation to licensing issues but in this case any recommendations made will be subject to ratification by full Council.				
3.3	The training is being organised by Legal Services and will be delivered through Members of the legal profession.				
3.4	Financial and Resource Implications				
	The training will be catered for within existing budgets.				
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications				
	There are no equality or good relations issues.				
4.0	Documents Attached				
	None				