



Subject:	Training for Members of the Licensing Committee
Date:	13 November, 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members are reminded that the Committee has received training in the following areas to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the different types of regulatory functions for which the Committee is responsible;• Committee protocol and representation process;• Legal principles governing the decision-making process;• Alcohol licensing matters and its relationship to entertainments licensing;• Belfast City Council's Amusement Permit policy
1.2	Training topics were organised in collaboration with Legal Services.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to consider the functions of the Committee as detailed in this report and determine what, if any, additional training you require.
2.2	If any training is required the Democratic Services Officer will identify suitable dates on which to deliver the training and will notify Members accordingly. Previous sessions have taken place at 5.00pm and Members are asked to confirm if this remains a suitable time for training.
2.3	The Committee may also wish to consider making the training open to all Members of the Council.
3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.1 Members are reminded that the Licensing Committee has delegated authority for determining the matters noted below.</p> <p>3.2 Under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 the Committee will, in relation to Entertainment Licences, consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant of Outdoor Entertainments Licences • Applications for the grant, renewal, transfer or variation of licences where objections are received • Suspension and revocation of licences • Applications for a waiver to permit entertainment involving striptease or nudity. <p>3.3 Under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 the Committee will, in relation to Sex Establishments, consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant of licences • Applications for the renewal, transfer or variation of licences • Revocation of licences • Setting of licence fees <p>3.4 Under the terms of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 the Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant of amusement and pleasure permits • Applications for the renewal of amusement permits where adverse representations have been made • Registration of Societies in relation to the running of lotteries. <p>3.5 Under the terms of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 the Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant of licences • Applications for the renewal, transfer or variation of licences where objections are received • Revocation of licences • Designation of streets or parts thereof

3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting of licence fees <p>Under the terms of the Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2010 - Road Closures for Special Events the Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant of an Order where objections are received • Setting of licence fees
3.7	<p>Under the terms of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (NI) 2014 the Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant, renewal, transfer or variation of licences where objections are received • Suspension and revocation of licences • Compulsory variation of licences. • Setting of licence fees. • Suspension of licences except where in the public interest the Director, in consultation with the City Solicitor, considers that there are particular circumstances which make it necessary to suspend a licence immediately.
3.8	<p>Under the terms of The Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Act NI 2016 the Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the grant, renewal, transfer or variation of licences where objections are received; • Applications where there may be an issue in relation to the fitness of the applicant to hold a licence; • Setting of licence fees; • Revocation of licences, except where in the public interest the Director, in consultation with the City Solicitor, considers that there are particular circumstances which make it necessary to suspend a licence immediately.
3.9	<p>The Committee is also responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The administration of the provisions of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 relating to entertainments and liquor licensing in licensed premises and registered clubs, and; • Such other licensing matters as the Director of Planning and Place considers appropriate to bring to the attention of the Licensing Committee.
3.10	<p>The Licensing Committee is also responsible 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.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The training will be catered for within existing budgets</p>
3.12	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None