

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main purpose of this report is to advise Members of the amendment to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in relation to public entertainment licencing, Prior to the amendment a public entertainment licence was not required for licensed premises within the meaning of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in which public entertainment is being provided during the licensed hours within the meaning of the 2005 Act. This meant that where an occasional licence was in effect a public entertainment licence was not required.

From 1st November 2016 this provision has been amended so that the exemption is now only applicable to premises in possession of a premises licence within the meaning of section 17 of the 2005 Act. This will have an impact on voluntary organisations running events which previously would have only had to apply for an occasional licence. Now if voluntary organisations are running an event requiring a public entertainment licence, such as a dance, they will also have to apply for a public entertainment licence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) The Committee are asked to confirm their preferred option for charges applicable to voluntary organisations in relation to temporary public entertainment licence fees, as listed below They wish to continue not charging a fee for events (indoor or outdoor) where the event is organised by a formally constituted voluntary group based in Argyll and Bute
- (b) They wish to amend the charging regime so that there is no fee for the first two events with subsequent events charged at £40
- (c) An alternative charging arrangement as identified by Members.