

Regulatory Committee

Edinburgh, 20 April 2012

Present:- Councillors Munn (Convener), Lang (Vice-Convener), Henderson, Mowat, Perry and Snowden.

1 Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Regulatory Committee of 9 March 2012 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees of 7 and 9 March 2012 as correct records.

2 Public Entertainment Licensing

At its meeting on 9 March 2012, the Regulatory Committee noted the implications of forthcoming changes to the licensing of places of public entertainment. In particular the committee were concerned about the impact on small community or arts events and agreed that a public consultation be carried out with a view to limiting the impact of changes on small free to enter events.

The Director of Services for Communities provided details of the public consultation responses and recommended that the City of Edinburgh Council Public Resolution 1994 be amended.

Decision

1. The Committee agreed
 - (a) to vary the City of Edinburgh Council's Public Entertainment Resolution as set out in Appendix 4 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities
 - (b) the interim fee structure for those remaining free to enter events which would require a public entertainment licence, as per any varied resolution as outlined in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities

(c) that the six month monitoring period previously agreed would run until the end of October 2012 and following this that a further report be submitted to the Committee; and

2. The Director of Services for Communities to report on proposals including time scales for a full review of the Public Entertainment Resolution within 1 cycle.

(References – Regulatory Committees of 27 January 2012 (item 2) and 9 March 2012 (item 4) of report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

3 Civic Government Licensing – Standard Conditions

The Director of Services for Communities provided details of the impact of amendments to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 affecting the conditions attached to licences granted and renewed by the Council as licensing authority.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the amendments to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 with regard to standard conditions; and
2. To Approve the arrangements proposed to ensure the preservation of the Council's existing sets of standard conditions.

(Reference – report by the director of Services for Communities, submitted)

4 Commercial Dog Walking – Motion by Councillor Henderson – submitted in terms of Standing Order 28

The following motion by Councillor Henderson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Committee notes the steady increase in commercial dog walking in the city’s parks and open spaces.

Committee further notes that many commercial dog walking businesses that have been recently created are successful and well run.

Committee also notes a number of incidents where members of the public have been alarmed and in some cases attacked by dogs seemingly not under the control of their “walker” and agrees that there may be a need to consider licensing arrangements that would regulate this activity in the interests of good commercial dog walking businesses, dogs and their owners and the general public.

Such licensing arrangements may include the maximum number of dogs being walked by one person, training and insurance arrangements.

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Therefore Committee requests a report looking at these issues and whether or not proposals to introduce a licensing regime for this business activity should be subject to consultation and possible implementation”.

Decision

To approve the motion