

Business bulletin

Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Monday, 9 March 2020

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Regulatory Committee

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Recent News	Background
<p>Sexual Entertainment Venues</p> <p>On 21 October 2019 the committee agreed in principle to adopt a framework to license Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs). A number of evidence sessions have taken place throughout January and February. This has allowed members to hear from key stakeholders and to obtain a detailed and robust evidence base to inform any decision made in respect of a SEV policy and licensing scheme. Officers will bring a further report before the committee to consider draft SEVs policy, resolution and licence conditions ahead of a period of statutory consultation.</p>	<p>In March 2019 a commencement order was laid before the Scottish Parliament which provides a discretionary licensing regime for Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs). A SEV is defined as premises where sexual entertainment is performed live, for the direct or indirect financial benefit of the organiser and for the sole purpose of sexual stimulation of members of the audience.</p>
<p>Licensing Forum recruitment</p> <p>Edinburgh Licensing Forum is an advisory body set up by the Council as required by the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. Members keep the liquor licensing system in Edinburgh under regular review and stimulate debate on relevant issues.</p> <p>Interviews are currently being carried out and the Forum is expected to be appointed in Spring 2020.</p>	<p>The Regulatory Committee has responsibility for oversight of the Council role in supporting the Forum, following a decision of Full Council in 2019.</p> <p>The Forum should maintain a balance wherever possible between community representatives and trade representatives.</p>
<p>Twitter feed: @Edin_Licensing</p> <p>On 3 February 2020 the Licensing Service launched its own Twitter feed. The account will provide the service with additional means of communication with licence holders, applicants and residents. It will assist in sharing important information and updates regarding all aspects of licensing in the city with those who may be affected, communicating changes to licensing policy, legislation or processes as well as promoting public consultations. The account can be followed at the Twitter handle @Edin_Licensing or 'Edinburgh Licensing Service.'</p>	<p>The Directorate constantly reviews methods by which to further engage and communicate with customers and the Twitter feed is seen as an important part of this process.</p>

Forthcoming activities:
