

Regulatory Committee

1 May 2023

Item 7.1 - Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs): Update Following Judicial Review

Committee notes:

It was regretful that at the Regulatory Committee on 31 March 2022, despite the legal advice given to Committee which they did not heed, and the risk of the Council being taken to a Judicial Review, the Labour Group along with their Conservative colleagues, voted against Sexual Entertainment Venues in Edinburgh. Additionally, neither Labour nor Conservative Councillors gave any thought for the consequences this vote would have on those working in this industry.

The Judicial Review held on 10 February 2023 found against the Council and as a result, the cost for defending this decision amounted to circa £117.000, money that could have been spent on Council services.

Committee is asked to thank officers for the great deal of additional work they undertook as a result of defending a case which was doomed to be a failure.

Moved by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.5 - Food Health and Safety Business Plan 2023-24

Adds

1.2 Committee notes the challenges recruiting Environmental Health Officers which has led to a lower rate per population than the Scottish average, therefore requests an update to the Business Bulletin in two cycles outlining the steps being taken to train and recruit more students.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Seconded by: Councillor Neil Ross