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REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2022/23 (LC000)

MEETING: LICENSING COMMITTEE

DATE: 3 NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

COMMUNITY FORUMS: ALL

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval for revised licence and registration fees for 2022/23.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

2.1 In accordance with the Council's financial regulations it is necessary for all fees to be annually reviewed.

2.2 The services relate to the regulation, control and administration of the following areas:

- Gambling Act 2005.
- Sexual Entertainment Venues - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

2.3 For the Gambling Act central government set a ceiling for fees and charges, these are indicated on appendix A.

2.4 Fees for the Licensing Act 2003 are set nationally and cannot be altered by the Council.

2.5 Members are reminded that these are statutory services and as such are not subject to market forces. The Council has discretion about the setting of fees.

SCOPE

- 3.1 Council policy is to request a 3% increase for all fees and charges, but in the current circumstances an increase of 5% is needed. A summary of proposed fees is provided at Appendix A which sets out the current fees and charges and the proposed increases for 2022/23. The figures have been rounded up or down to assist with cash handling.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 At present these budgets have averaged out to where there is no material subsidy either way. A 5% increase will maintain that position.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Approval is given to a 5% increase in fees and charges from 1 April 2022

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