

TO: REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2004

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE – APPLICATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN FEES

FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications for reductions in the fees for public entertainment licences in respect of two charitable events to be held in the district.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting held in November 1999, the Health and Control Committee introduced, for the first time, separate fees for licences for public musical entertainment in the open air.
- 2.2 The Committee were informed of the effect these fees might have on events for charity and, in the circumstances, the then Licensing Sub-Committee were authorised to consider and agree applications for reductions in the fees for charitable events.

3. APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 An application has been received from Mr Tom Bellamy on behalf of the organisers of the annual charity 'Carols in the Courtyard' at Warwick Castle. A copy of the letter from Mr Bellamy is attached. The fee in this case would be £1,025.
- 3.2 The fee has been reduced to £50 for the last four years.
- 3.3 The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal are organising the Warwickshire Poppy Ball in a marquee at Sherbourne Park this year. An application has therefore been made for a premises licence. In previous years it has been held in Charlecote Park, and the licence fee has always been waived by Stratford District Council.
- 3.4 Mr T B Cox, the organiser of the Poppy Ball has applied for a reduced or waived fee. The fee would normally be £360.
- 3.5 Mr Cox has paid this fee and a licence has been issued. If the application for a reduced fee is approved a refund will be made to Mr Cox.
- 3.6 The delegation to this Committee only relates to reductions in fees for public musical entertainment in the open. This was because of the size of the fee for these licences (ie over £1000). It does not relate to licences to cover premises where the fee is less than £400.

3.7 Should the Committee wish to approve this application it will be a recommendation to Council.

4. **DECISION REQUIRED**

4.1 Members are asked to consider the applications for reductions in licence fees in these cases and decide whether they should be agreed. In the case of the Poppy Ball this will be a recommendation to Council.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Areas and the District Affected:	All
Key Decision:	No
Included in Forward Plan:	No

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