



REPORT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 20 APRIL 2018

ADVERTISING OF KNIFE DEALER APPLICATIONS

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the content of the report and decision made by the Licensing Sub-Committee on 5 June 2009**
- 1.2 Delegate authority to officers to use the relevant local newspaper to advertise applications made for Knife Dealer's Licenses.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 On 5 June 2009 the Licensing Sub-Committee approved procedures for the processing and advertising of Knife Dealer's Licenses under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. Part of the approval was to use the Press & Journal as the newspaper to advertise all applications for knife dealer's licenses, on account of favourable rates for advertising that the Council received for advertising in that paper.
- 2.2 For all other civic licences that require a notice to be placed in a newspaper, it is the responsibility of the applicant to place the notice and bear the resultant cost. For knife dealer licences, section 27B of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 places the responsibility on the local authority to cause notice of the application to be given.
- 2.3 The Council is able to recover the cost of placing the notice, but allowing applicants to place their notice in a more local paper will reduce costs for applicants.
- 2.4 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section C – Business Services: 1 – Committee Functions: 1.1(a) of the list of committee powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance which enables the Committee to decide on all policy issues and resource matters relating to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 with implications across Area boundaries. The Committee determined that the licensing function should be delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committee.
-

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the matter under consideration does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications.
- 4.3 No Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level or Directorate Level

Geraldine Fraser
Acting Head of Legal and Governance

Report prepared by Iain Meredith, Solicitor (Governance)
Date 22 March 2018