

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 12 August 2014

Agenda Item	6
Report No	HLB/086/14

Application and Annual Fees

Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Summary

This Report recommends that there be no increase in application and annual fees.

1. Background

1.1 Fees are prescribed by the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Licensing (Fees) (Regulations) 2007. Generally fees are linked to rateable values, except in relation to certain clubs, visitor attractions and guest houses. The Board is empowered to set its own fees for transfers, temporary premises licence and major variation applications.

1.2 In determining the fees, the Board must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that the total fees payable are likely to be broadly equivalent to the expenses incurred in administering liquor licensing. In other words the system must be self-funding.

2.0 No proposed increase

2.1 In conjunction with the Finance Service a detailed analysis of the costs of administering the licensing system is carried out each year. This analysis shows that there is no need to increase the vast majority of fees for this year.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that there be no increase in fees.

Designation: Clerk to the Licensing Board

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