

**ENTERTAINMENT ON COUNCIL-OWNED LAND
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A public entertainment licence is required for musical entertainment on private land. However a licence is not required for similar entertainment on public land on the basis that the relevant public body which owns the land will act in a responsible manner in either promoting the event or letting the land for that purpose.
- 1.2 Licensing now is a non-executive function dealt with by the Licensing and Protection Panel which comprises a process of consultation with statutory consultees and an opportunity for nearby residents to comment or object to an application. To ensure that similar arrangements apply to events on Council-owned land, the former Leisure and Amenities Committee agreed to a parallel consultation process with, in the event of adverse comments being received, an application being determined by a Panel comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and the relevant Ward Members.

2. CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 Although consultation continues to be undertaken where events of this nature are promoted, the arrangements for a Panel hearing were not reproduced in the Council's new constitutional arrangements. As the decision to let land or promote an event is an executive function, this cannot be dealt with by the Applications Sub Group of the Licensing and Protection Panel. Nevertheless a suitable forum is required if a comparable opportunity is to be extended to statutory consultees and the public to raise any concerns regarding an event.
- 2.2 In the absence of a suitable mechanism currently, it is therefore

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that the promotion of musical events on Council land or the letting of land for this purpose continue to be subject to the same process of consultation and consideration as a public entertainments application;
- (b) that the Director of Central Services (or in his absence the Head of Administration) be authorised to determine an application; and
- (c) that where adverse comments are received, the Applications Sub Group of the Licensing and Protection Panel be authorised to formulate recommendations to the Director of Central Services (or in his absence the

Head of Administration) as to the determination of the application.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Constitution.

Minutes of Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 15th December 1992.

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