

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FEES - HULLBRIDGE VILLAGE FAIR

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report invites Members to determine an application for the waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees relating to a Millennium Village Fair being organised by Hullbridge Parish Council. The event is due to take place on Saturday 24th June 2000 at Pooles Lane Recreation Ground, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge.
- 1.2 Public events held outdoors and on private land, which include musical entertainment require a Public Entertainment Licence, issued by the Local Authority [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 1].
- 1.3 The above Act also gives the Local Authority discretion to waive all or part of the fee that would be payable for the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence where it is satisfied that the entertainment is:
 - a) of an educational or other like character **or**
 - b) is given for a charitable or other like purpose;

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members previously decided "that in view of the small number involved, all applications for fee waivers be considered on their merits, on the basis that a decision making time frame of at least three months is available to the Council" (Minute 111/97).
- 2.2 An application for a waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees, dated 18th February 2000, has been received from Mrs L Cowan, Clerk to Hullbridge Parish Council. (see Appendix A)

3 FEE WAIVER APPLICATION

- 3.1 The application states that the objective of the Fair is to provide free entertainment for the local community and to enable village voluntary organisations and charities to raise funds for their own use.
- 3.2 The public will be admitted to the Fair free of charge, but the Parish Council proposes to levy a discretionary fee of £10.00 to fund-raising organisations that attend.

3.3 The application procedure requires applicants to submit a statement of their latest audited accounts. A copy of the Parish Council's audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 1999 is attached at Appendix B.

3.4 The application states that the Parish Council has received a Millennium donation from Rochford District Council, but otherwise does not receive any grant funding.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Loss of £658 income if a 100% fee waiver is granted

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The event is being organised to provide free entertainment for the community and to enable local charities and other organisations to raise funds to benefit local youth, the elderly and the underprivileged.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**:

The fee due if a Public Entertainment Licence is granted. (HHHCC)

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Background Papers:

None

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