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## **WAIVERS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Committee is invited to consider delegating the waiver of some public entertainment licence fees to Officers.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Local authorities are able to waive all or part of the fee due for a public entertainment licence where the entertainment is for charitable or educational purposes.
- 2.2 For some years, decisions on applications have been made by Committee on the basis of a report which outlines the reasons for the fee waiver and includes details of the applicant organisations accounts. Typically, Members have granted waivers of 80% or 100% of the normal fee due.

Council also has an existing policy to waive fees in respect of school premises.

### **3 FEE WAIVERS**

- 3.1 The last meeting of the Appeals and Licensing Committee recommended that consideration be given to delegating authority to Officers to determine applications for waiver of fees for public entertainment licences and that, if this is agreed, an upper limit be determined.
- 3.2 Details of the waivers considered in the year July 2001 to July 2002 are appended for information. The majority are below £1,000, and this might be a limit on delegation which would be appropriate, if the principle is agreed.
- 3.3 It is likely that the issue of the relief from charges will be considered again in 2003 following the format that was adopted in the recent report on fees and charges. This will entail the authority asking itself questions such as why we are subsidising the service and how we determine the element of subsidy.

### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- (1) That the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care be authorised to determine waivers of fees for public entertainment licences.

- (2) That such authority be to a maximum to be determined by the Committee. (HHHCC)

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**Background Papers:**

None

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**FEE WAIVER APPLICATIONS JULY 2001 TO JULY 2002**

<b>Event/Premises</b>	<b>Type of Licence</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fee applied to be Waived</b>	<b>% Waived</b>
Hullbridge Village Fair	PEL	10 March 2002	£693	100%
Golden Jubilee Fair Rochford Parish Council	PEL	11 April 2002	£1780	100%
Malyons Farm	PEL	11 April 2002	£557	80%
Great Wakering Village Fair	PEL	11 April 2002	£2110	100%
Paglesham Village Jazz Festival	PEL	23 July 2002	£138.50	100%
Tabor Farm, Rave	PEL	Pending	£890	-