APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FEES - HULLBRIDGE VILLAGE FAIR. (Minute 402/01)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report invites Members to determine an application for the waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees relating to a Village Fair being organised by Hullbridge Parish Council. The event is due to take place on Sunday 16th June 2002 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 under the 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 will recall their decision "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 This event was first held and licensed in 2000, and another event took place last year. No fee was charged for the grant of either licence.

3 FEE WAIVER APPLICATION

- 3.1 An application for a waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees, dated 8th February 2002, has been received from Mrs L Cowan, Clerk to Hullbridge Parish Council (see <u>Appendix 1</u>).
- 3.2 The application states that the objective of the Fair is to provide free entertainment, enabling all participating local groups, clubs and charities to raise funds and awareness about their activities.

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 2001 and for the Fair held in 2001, together with a letter from the Parish Council dated 8th February 2002 are attached at Appendix 2.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Loss of £693 income if a 100% fee waiver is granted.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The event is being organised to provide entertainment for people of the area and to benefit charities and clubs.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

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

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Background Papers:

None

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