

TITLE: LICENSING ACT 2003 – ANNUAL FEES

Committee	Licensing Committee
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Papers with report	None
Ward(s) affected	All

SUMMARY

To update the Committee on the recent changes to the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Annual Licence fees and the progress made in recovering outstanding fees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee note the information

INFORMATION

The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced powers to suspend premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for failure to pay annual fees.

Previously, the Licensing Service had little power to enforce against premises licence holders who failed to pay their annual fees resulting in lost revenue for the Authority.

The new power of suspension is working well and the Licensing Service have recovered a number of fees which, previously would have been extremely difficult to recover.

The power of suspension is currently delegated to the Licensing Committee and where fees cannot be recovered, a report will be produced by the Licensing Service and presented to the Committee in the usual way.

Once a licence is suspended, it cannot be reinstated until the outstanding fees are settled.