

## **Report of the Chair of the Licensing Committee.**

Since the last Report there have been no Sub Committee hearings.

At the meeting on Wednesday 14th February the Committee were notified that a number of amendments had been made to the Licensing Act 2003 following the implementation of the Immigration Act 2016. Members duly noted the amendments.

Fees for Gambling Licences, Sexual Entertainment Venues Licences and Scrap Metal Dealers Licences.

The Members considered the above fees and agreed the charges for 2018/2019.

It was noted that the Gambling Act 2005 allows Local Authorities to set their own fees for premises licences subject to maximum levels which have been specified by Central Government.

Sexual Entertainment Venues.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisional) Act 1982 introduced a Licensing regime to control Sex Establishments. The Council adopted schedule 3 of the Act on the 31st March 2010 and the schedule took effect on 3rd August 2010. The setting of fees for the Licensing of Sex venues remains with Local Authorities. The Licence is for one year period. At the present time we have no Sexual Entertainment venues in Newcastle.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 203 introduced Licensing to control Scrap Metal Dealers. Local Authorities are able to set their own fees for both Site and Collectors licences. Council are not able to make a profit from fees. The fees cover various administrative costs e.g Initial visits, liaison with interested parties.

Chair - Councillor Joan Winfield.