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Memorandum for Executive Council

SUBJECT Increase in Fees and Charges: Liquor and Gaming Machines Licences

Memorandum by the Chairman, Social and Community Development Committee

ADVICE SOUGHT **1. Council is asked to consider and advise whether the attached Gaming Machines (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and Liquor (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 should be approved and brought into force with effect from 1 April 2018.**

BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS

2. As part of the budget process, Directorates are required to review statutory and discretionary fees and charges in accordance with SHG's Charging Policy 2013.

3. The Liquor and Gaming Machine fees were last reviewed in 2013.

4. The table attached at Annex A shows current and proposed fees, along with the proposed percentage increases, as supported by the Social and Community Development Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS 5. The proposed increases will generate additional revenue for SHG.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS 6. Whilst it is not preferred to increase the costs to business, these increases are likely to have relatively small impact on business profits and costs passed onto customers. The change helps SHG move to full cost recovery of the services that are supplied.

CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES 7. Not relevant.

PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT 8. Whilst the proposed increases are quite modest, proprietors seeking liquor licences will no doubt spread the increases across liquor sales to the public which will have minor impact on those members of the public who buy alcohol.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT 9. There are no environmental impacts.

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PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT

10. The proposed increases have been agreed by the Social and Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC REACTION

11. The increase in liquor licences could see small increases in the cost of liquor which could lead to adverse reaction from those members of the public who purchase liquor from shops and other licenced premises.

PUBLICITY

12. The Regulations will be published as a Legal Notice which will be gazetted. However, mention can be made in the Ex Co report and associated broadcast.

SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

13. This paper supports the *Altogether Wealthier* National Goal as it seeks to recover the cost of providing services.

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14. Recommended for the open session.

26 February 2018