

9. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - TIMESCALE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor seeking approval to introduce a new policy in relation to a timescale for submission of applications for public entertainment licences, street trader's licences, market operator's licences and permissions for charitable collections.

The Chief Solicitor explained that a number of difficulties had arisen recently when applicants had applied for permission for particular events at short notice. This had led to difficulties for advisers who had not been given sufficient time to report fully on applications or to provide cover at particular events. As a result of this, the Chief Constable had raised concerns by letter dated 28th October 2009 (a copy of which was attached to the report). In order to avoid these situations, a new policy had been prepared for approval.

It was recommended:-

- that the Council Executive approve the introduction of a new policy in relation to a timescale of a minimum of thirty five days for submission of applications for public entertainment licences, street trader's licences, market operator's licences and charitable collections to allow sufficient time for all advisors to investigate and report fully on the implications of these applications;
- that an effective date for applications received on or after 1st April 2010 was agreed.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

In so agreeing, the Council Executive noted that letters had been prepared for current licence holders, head teachers and community groups giving early notification of the new policy.