

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	13 May 2015
LEAD OFFICER	Angela Scott, Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Relaxation of drinking in public Byelaw for BP Big Screens 2015
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/15/012
CHECKLIST COMPLETED:	YES

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek permission to approach the Scottish Government to confirm the suspension of the operation of the Aberdeen City Council Drinking in Public Places Byelaw 2009, to permit the responsible consumption of alcohol within the boundaries of the main grass area of Duthie Park for BP Big Screens, Don Giovanni, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

Members are asked to instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to carry out the necessary advertising of the proposed suspension.

Legal and Democratic Services also request confirmation from the Scottish Government that the Aberdeen City Council Drinking in Public Places Byelaw 2009 be suspended within the boundaries of the Duthie Park.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are advertising costs associated with the publicising of the temporary suspension. Two notices will need to be published in the local press with a notice advising of the intention to temporarily suspend the byelaw and (assuming the Scottish Ministers confirm the temporary suspension), a second notice advising of the confirmation of the temporary suspension. The cost for this in 2014 was £578.00

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

**Health and Safety**

Relevant health and safety audits and associated risk assessments will be carried out prior to the staging of this event.

### **Environmental**

Efforts will be made to recycle the waste accumulated at this event.

### **Economic**

This event creates a positive attitude in the city, assisting with the promotion of the city as a vibrant place in which to invest, live and visit.

## **5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

The BP Big Screens will return to Aberdeen on Friday 3 July 2015 with the opera "Don Giovanni". The live transmission will be relayed direct to Aberdeen from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London. The event is sponsored by BP, supported by Aberdeen City Council and will be displayed on a 40 x 40 foot screen complete with sound. The event is free to all and is expected to attract around 3,000 people of all ages and abilities.

This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year this event taken place in Aberdeen and each year, the success of the event has grown alongside its popularity. Limited catering will be provided and although alcohol will not be on sale, it is normal for members of the public to bring a picnic with them which may include alcohol. Event stewards, medical and welfare and a toilet service will be provided alongside passing attention from Police Scotland.

In all previous years, this event has passed with no noted incidents or accidents reported in relation to alcohol.

The BP Big Screens concept is :

1. to introduce opera in relaxed surroundings to new audiences
2. give people an opportunity to see the world's best talent
3. to provide free world class entertainment to families who might otherwise not be able to access cultural activities

The existing Aberdeen City Council Drinking in Public Places Byelaw 2009 will require to be suspended to allow the consumption of alcohol at this event. This will involve the creation of a new byelaw which enacts a temporary suspension of the existing byelaw. The new byelaw must be advertised for a minimum of 28 days to allow members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed suspension.

Following the completion of the consultation period, the new byelaw will then require the approval of the Scottish Government.

## 6. IMPACT

Corporate  
Aberdeen – the Smarter City

- We will promote Aberdeen as a great place to live, bring up a family, do business and visit.

*Smarter Living (Quality of Life)*

- We aspire to be recognised as a City of Culture, a place of excellence for culture and arts by promoting Aberdeen as a cultural centre hosting high quality diverse cultural events for the whole community and beyond.

*Smarter Economy (Competitiveness)*

- We will work with partners to promote the city as a place to invest, live, work and export from.

*Community Plan*

- Work with other organisations, agencies and groups, including Visit Scotland and Visit Aberdeen, to encourage tourism and the provision of facilities for tourists.

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Appropriate control measures will be put in place. Audience members will be asked to drink in a responsible manner and event stewards from an approved Security Industry Authority (SIA) contractor will be in attendance.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letters of support attached from the Procurator Fiscal and Police Scotland.

## 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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