

Meeting	Finance & Policy Committee
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Report Title	Music Licence
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Officer's Recommendation:

To approve that no recorded music is permitted to be played aloud within the Council Office. To include on the Room Hire booking forms a disclaimer that there is no music licence to permit the playing of recorded music and that the hirer should enquire with the licensing authority directly to arrange their own licence, if necessary.

Background

When the Memory Café moved to the Bowls Club the Council was advised by them that the activity would need to fund its own music licence if required. Upon enquiry it was confirmed that the activity did not require a formal music licence. However, at this time, it highlighted that the Parish Council Office building would require a licence to play recorded music where it can be heard by multiple parties.

Current Situation

The Parish Office occasionally has the radio on in the background. When the meeting room is hired for a party, there is recorded music provided by the hirer.

PPL PRS public music has stated that the Parish Council will need to pay £174.71 per annum to cover the Parish Office and £429.81 to cover the meeting room.

Financial Implication

The meeting room is mainly hired by organisations for meetings or activities such as the weekly art group. During 2022/23 the room was hired out for approximately 3 parties amounting to £228.80 of income. It is recommended that the Parish Office no longer has the radio on in the background and that the meeting room is hired out with the caveat that there is no licence to play recorded music and that hirers may arrange their own licence if they so wish.