

European Services Directive - Tacit Approval**Report by Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to update Members as regards the periods which will effectively limit the amount of time available to the Council to process those applications for licences which are not currently subject to such restrictions.

2 Background

On 19 February 2013, the Committee agreed (1) to await further report(s) as regards the concept of Tacit Approval, pending consultation with other Scottish Local Authorities; and (2) meantime, the presumption be that applications for licences for which no time limits were imposed, be considered and determined within three months and six months, respectively.

Currently, in terms of the Civic Government legislation a period of three months is given for the consideration of applications and six months for the determination of these. In respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation, the periods are six and twelve months, respectively. However, no such time limits are imposed in older legislation.

6 Resource, etc implications

There are no resource, etc implications arising directly from this report.

7 Conclusion

A form of Tacit Approval is in place as described above.

8 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee agree that the *status quo* prevail ie applications, for licences for which no time limits are imposed, will be considered and determined within three months and six months, respectively.

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Background Papers : EU Services Directive