



Report of the Assistant Director Waste, Fleet & Transport Services to the meeting of Bradford Area Licensing Panel to be held on 16 January 2019.

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Subject:

Application for a Review of a Premises Licence for Leicester Street Club, Leicester Street, Bradford, BD4 7JS

Summary statement:

Application for review of a Premises Licence authorising the sale of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment.

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1. SUMMARY

The application is for the review of a premises licence authorising the sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Premises

Leicester Street Club, Leicester Street, Bradford, BD4 7JS.

2.2 Premises Licence holder

Leicester Street Community Club Limited

2.3 Designated Premises Supervisor

Ms Angela Reid

A copy of the Licence is attached at Appendix 1.

2.4 Application Received asking for a Review of the Licence

Local Resident

A local resident has submitted a review application on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance. The resident raises concerns regarding noise and disturbance from patrons outside the premises and alleged operating beyond permitted hours. The resident also raises concerns regarding the operating of the premises following the change from a members only club (operating under a Club Premises Certificate) to a 'public house' (operating under a full Premises Licence).

The application for review is attached at Appendix 2.

2.5 Representations

Individual, Body or Business

9 individual letters and a petition in support of the premises have been received. The letters of support state no noise or disturbance issues have been witnessed by other local residents and the club is a valuable resource in the area used by groups, clubs and residents.

The letters of support and petition are attached at Appendix 3.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Legal Appraisal

3.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to carry out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following four licensing objectives:

- a) the prevention of crime and disorder
- b) public safety
- c) the prevention of public nuisance
- d) the protection of children from harm

3.2 The Council must also have regard to the Guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. Paragraphs 11.1 to 11.29 of the Guidance specifically details how applications for review of licences should be determined. Regard must also be taken of the Council's statement of Licensing Policy for the District.

An extract of the Home Office Guidance is attached to this report at Appendix 4.

3.3 Where it is decided it is necessary to depart from the statutory guidance or the Licensing Policy on the merits of a particular case; then special reasons justifying this must be given that can be sustained.

3.4 Only "relevant representations" can be taken into account. In order to be "relevant" a representation must fairly relate to achieving a licensing objective. If it does not, it must be discounted.

3.5 Any licensing conditions that Members may propose attaching must also relate to achieving one of the licensing objectives; be tailored to the actual premises and style of licensable activity; must be reasonably achievable by the applicant and in his/her control.

Statement of Policy Issues

3.6 The following parts of the Licensing Policy are of particular importance; Part 6 (Prevention of Public Nuisance).

3.7 The Annexes to the Policy sets out various types of model condition that could be considered.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

There are no apparent finance or resource implications.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no apparent risk management implications.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Referred to in part 3 of this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The Council has to comply with the public sector equality duty in S.149 Equality Act 2010.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no apparent sustainability implications.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no apparent implications.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

When determining the application the Licensing Authority is required to pay due regard to the licensing objectives referred to in 3.1 of this report.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The following rights are applicable:

Article 1 First Protocol to the Convention – Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions subject to the state’s right to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest. The Council’s powers set out in the recommendations fall within the states right. A fair balance must be struck between public safety and the applicant’s rights.

Article 6 – A procedural right to a fair hearing. As refusal of the application is an option, adherence to the Panels’ usual procedure of affording a hearing to the applicant is very important. The applicant should also be able to examine the requirements of the fire authority. If the decision is to refuse then reasons should be given.

7.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Councillors have been notified of receipt of the application.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Members may:

- (a) Reject the application for review of the licence; or
- (b) Decide not to impose any further restrictions on the licence; or
- (c) Decide to impose additional restrictions or remove any licensable activities on the licence, where necessary in order to address the licensing objectives; or
- (d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; or
- (e) Revoke the premises licence; or
- (f) Remove the named Designated Premises Supervisor from the Licence.

9.2 Should the applicant or any other party to the hearing feel aggrieved at any decision with regard to the licence or to any conditions or restrictions attached by Members they may appeal to the Magistrates Court.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to consider the information and documents referred to in this report and, after hearing interested parties, determine the related application(s).

11. APPENDICES

1. Premises Licence
2. Application for review received 20 November 2018.
3. Letters and petition in support of the premises.
4. Extract from the Government Guidance.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Application form, plan etc.