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## Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee

11<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

### **Section 35(3)(a) Application for the Variation of a premise licence for The Churchill Hotel, 65 Bootham, York, YO30 7DQ**

#### **Summary**

1. This report seeks Members determination of an application for the variation of a premise licence, which has been made under the Licensing Act 2003.
2. Application reference number: CYC-009632.
3. Name of applicant: Mr Lee Hopwood-Robinson
4. Type of authorisation applied for: Variation of Premises Licence
5. Summary of application: The nature of the application is to extend the licensed area to include the new function room; to increase the existing hours for the provision of regulated entertainment; to increase the existing hours for the supply of alcohol; and to remove embedded restrictions imposed under the Licensing Act 1964.

#### **Background**

6. A copy of the existing premise licence is attached at Annex 1.
7. A copy of the application to vary the licence is attached at Annex 2.
8. A table of existing and proposed hours is attached at Annex 3.

#### **Promotion Of Licensing Objectives**

9. The operating schedule submitted by the applicant shows that, in addition to existing conditions attached to the current licence, the licensing objectives would be met as follows:
10. The prevention of crime and disorder: 1) CCTV will be fitted inside and outside the building.
11. Public safety: 1) Proposed increase in staff training.

12. The prevention of public nuisance: No additional steps.
13. The protection of children from harm: 1) Children will normally be accompanied by an appropriate adult. 2) The premise will have a child friendly atmosphere.

### **Special Policy Consideration**

14. This premise is not located within the special policy area.

### **Consultation**

15. Consultation was carried out by the applicant in accordance with s13, and s17(5) of the Act and Regulation 42, Parts 2 and 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005, which concern the displaying of a notice on the premises and an advertisement in a local paper giving details of the application and serving a copy of the application on all responsible authorities. The applicant complied with all statutory requirements. In addition the relevant ward councillors and/or parish council were notified by way of register.
16. All procedural aspects of this application have been complied with.

### **Summary of Representations made by Responsible Authorities**

17. A representation was received from North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service on the grounds of public safety, but was subsequently withdrawn when the applicant agreed to the following condition being attached to the licence; "The occupancy figure for the new function room should not exceed 100 persons".

### **Summary of Representations made by Interested Parties**

18. A representation has been received from the interested party listed at Annex 4 (confidential). A copy of the representation is attached at Annex 5.
19. The address of the interested party is indicated on the map attached as Annex 6 (confidential). A further map indicating the general area from which the representation was received is attached at Annex 7.
20. An "interested party" is defined at s13(3) of the Act as being a person living in the vicinity of the premises, a body representing persons who live in that vicinity, a person involved in a business in that vicinity, or a body representing persons involved in such businesses.
21. Members are reminded that representations are only "relevant" if they relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives.

## **Planning Issues**

22. Both Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission have been granted for the extension which is currently under construction and is subject of this variation.

## **Options**

23. By virtue of s18(4) of the Act, the Committee have the following options available to them in making their decision:-
24. Option 1: Grant the variation of the licence in the terms applied for.
25. Option 2: Grant the variation of the licence with modified/additional conditions imposed by the licensing committee.
26. Option 3: Grant the variation of the licence to exclude any of the licensable activities to which the application relates and modify/add conditions accordingly.
27. Option 4: Reject the application.

## **Analysis**

28. The following could be the result of any decision made this Sub Committee:-
29. Option 1: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by any of the representors.
30. Option 2: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
31. Option 3: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
32. Option 4: This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant.

## **Corporate Priorities**

33. The Licensing Act 2003 has 4 objectives the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.
34. The promotion of the licensing objectives will support the Council's priority to reduce the actual and perceived impact of violent, aggressive and nuisance behaviour on people in York.

## Implications

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- **Financial** - N/A
- **Human Resources (HR)** – N/A
- **Equalities** – N/A
- **Legal** – This decision could be appealed at Magistrates Court by the applicant or any of the representors.
- **Crime and Disorder** - The Committee is reminded of their duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the crime and disorder implications of their decisions and the authority's responsibility to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in the city.
- **Information Technology (IT)** – N/A
- **Property** – N/A
- **Other** – none

## Risk Management

36. All Members of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee have received full training on the Act and the regulations governing hearings. They are aware that any decision made which is unreasonable or unlawful could be open to challenge resulting in loss of image, reputation and potential financial penalty.
37. The report details the options available to the panel in determining the application and recommends that a decision be reached. There are no risks involved with this recommendation.

## Recommendations

38. Members determine the application.

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**Background Papers:**

- Annex 1** - Copy of existing premises licence
- Annex 2** - Copy of application form
- Annex 3** - Table of existing and proposed licensed hours
- Annex 4 (Confidential)** - Details of Interested Party
- Annex 5** - Copy of representation from Interested Party
- Annex 6 (Confidential)** - Map of area indicating address of Interested Party
- Annex 7** - Map showing general area from which representation received
- Annex 8** - Mandatory Conditions
- Annex 9** - Legislation and Policy Considerations