

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

# Licensing Sub-Committee

8 November 2018

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| <b>Report title</b>            | <b>Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Hangar, Pountney Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV2 4HX</b> |                                     |
| <b>Wards affected</b>          | Blakenhall  |                                     |
| <b>Accountable director</b>    | Ross Cooke, City Environment  |                                     |
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**Recommendation for decision:**

To submit for consideration by the Sub-Committee an application for a new premises licence.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To submit for consideration by the Sub-Committee an application for a new premises licence.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The application was received on 17 September 2018 from Rob Edge, on behalf of Steven Simpson for a premises licence in respect of The Hangar, Pountney Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV2 4HX for an events space. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The premises is in the Blakenhall ward and a location plan is attached at Appendix 2
- 2.3 The application is in respect of provision of regulated entertainment, the provision of late-night refreshment and the supply of alcohol on the premises.
- 2.4 It is the understanding of the licensing authority that the application for this premises licence has been properly made. The statutory requirement to give notice of the application has also been complied with.
- 2.5 The following responsible authorities have been consulted on this application:
- Licensing Authority
  - Environmental Health
  - Planning
  - Trading Standards
  - Social Services
  - Director of Public Health
  - West Midlands Police
  - West Midlands Fire Service
  - Home Office
- 2.6 Relevant representations have been received from:
- Licensing Authority
  - West Midlands Police
  - West Midlands Fire Service
  - Other Persons

Copies of the representations can be found at Appendices 3 - 6

- 2.7 The applicant and all those who have submitted representations have been invited to attend the hearing.
- 2.8 West Midlands Police have mediated with the applicant to amend the operating schedule. A copy of the agreed amendments can be found at appendix 7.

### **3.0 Legal implications**

3.1 Part 4(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 states that a Licensing Authority must carry out its function under the Act with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives, namely:-

- (a) The prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) Public safety;
- (c) The prevention of public nuisance;
- (d) The protection of children from harm.

Section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that where a relevant licensing authority receives an application for a premises licence properly made in accordance with section 17 of the Act it must grant the licence, subject to any relevant conditions.

However, where relevant representations are made the authority must hold a hearing (unless all parties agree this is unnecessary) and having regard to the representations, take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The steps are:

- 1. to grant the licence subject to conditions
- 2. to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
- 3. to refuse to specify a person as a premises supervisor
- 4. to reject the application

3.2 The general duties imposed on Licensing Authorities means proper consideration must be given to the Licensing Objectives when determining a premises licence application.

3.3 Regard shall be had to guidance issued by the secretary of state under Section 182 and City of Wolverhampton Council's Licensing Policy Statement [LW/18102018/B].

### **4.0 Human Rights and Equalities Implications**

4.1 This report has human rights implications for both the premises licence holder and the residents from the local neighbourhood. Any of the steps outlined in Section 4 of this report may have financial implications for a licensee's business and livelihood and/or may have impact upon the day to day lives of residents living in close proximity to the premises.

4.2 Article 8(i) of the European Convention of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to respect for his/her private and family life and his/her home (which includes business premises). This right may be interfered with by the Council on a number of grounds including the protection of rights and freedoms of others. The First Protocol – Article 1 – also provides that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his

possessions and shall not be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and conditions provided for by law. Members must accordingly make a decision which is proportionate to the hearing and endeavour to find a balance between the rights of the applicant, residents and the community as a whole.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report. The fee for this application is £190.00 and is non-refundable. The fees and charges in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 are set by the Secretary of State. This was noted by the Licensing Committee on 24 January 2018. [HM/31102018/V]

## **6.0 Environmental Implications**

6.1 This report has environmental implications in that there is a potential for disturbance caused by patrons using the premises and nuisance caused by litter and waste originating from the premises.

## **7.0 Equalities implications**

7.1 There are no equalities implications contained within this report.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 There are no human resources implications contained within this report.

## **9.0 Corporate landlord implications**

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications contained within this report.