

13 March 2020		ITEM: 4
Licensing Sub-Committee		
Application for a Summary Review of a Premises Licence		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Report of: Elizabeth Cox – Licensing Officer		
Accountable Assistant Director: Leigh Nicholson - Interim Assistant Director Planning, Transport and Public Protection		
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This report is PUBLIC – Appendix 1 and 2 are EXEMPT		

Executive Summary

An application has been received for a summary review of the premises licence in respect of **Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU**. This hearing is to consider any Interim Steps necessary to be taken.

1. Recommendation(s):

1.1 The Sub-Committee considers the application for summary review and whether it is necessary to take interim steps.

2. Introduction and Background:

2.1 Summary reviews can be undertaken when the police consider that the premises concerned are associated with serious crime or serious disorder (or both). The summary review process, set out under sections 53A-53D of the 2003 Act, allows interim conditions to be quickly attached to a licence and a fast track licence review

2.2 Within 48 hours of receipt of the chief officer's application, the licensing authority must give the premises licence holder and responsible authorities a notice of the review and should include a copy of the application for review and a copy of the certificate and must also consider whether it is necessary to take interim steps (place temporary conditions on the licence).

2.3 If the licensing authority decides to take steps at the initial interim stage:

- The decision takes place immediately, or as soon after it as the licensing authority directs; but

- The licensing authority must give immediate notice of its decision and its reasons for doing so to the holder of the premises licence and the chief officer of police who made the application.

2.4 This hearing is to decide on necessary interim steps only. A full review of the premises licence will take place within 28 days from the date of receipt of this application.

2.5 A copy of the premises licence for the Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3. The Application

3.1 On the 12 March 2020 at 10:07hrs, an application for a Summary Review was received from Jackie Cooper (72594) Licensing Officer, on behalf of the chief of police for Essex.

3.2 The application relates to an incident at the Civic Hall during a boxing event on the evening of Saturday 7 March 202, whereby a disturbance broke out within the crowd requiring 15 police units to attend. Essex Police believe that the venue staff and management were not in control of the premises. Similar incidents also occurred at the premises in August 2016, and September 2017. A full copy of the application is attached as **Appendix 2**.

3.3 Essex Police as part of their application are requesting as an interim step for a number of conditions to be imposed on the licence. The proposed conditions are included in the application at **Appendix 2**.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The following interim steps that the licensing authority must consider taking are:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence; and
- the suspension of the licence.

Modification of the conditions of the premises licence can include the alteration or modification of existing conditions or addition of any new conditions, including those that restrict the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.

The decision takes effect immediately, or as soon after it as the licensing authority directs.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 The application has been consulted on in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the consultation response will not be relevant to this hearing.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to do all that it can to prevent –

(a) crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local community), and;

(b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its areas.

In considering this application in relation to these duties the authority should have due regard to Section 61(1) (b) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Thurrock Council's guidelines on previous convictions or cautions and any submissions made by the applicant.

7. Statement of Licensing Policy

7.1 There are no specific parts of the policy that is relevant to this hearing.

8. Relevant Section of the Secretary of State's Guidance

8.1 Section 12 relates to Summary Reviews

9. Appendices to the report:

Appendix 1 - Copy of Civic Hall Premises Licence - EXEMPT

Appendix 2 - Application for Summary Review - EXEMPT

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