

Licensing Sub-Committee

6th August 2024

Application for a variation to a Premises Licence – 1 High Street, Nantwich, CW5 5AW

**Report of: Peter Skates, Acting Executive Director – Place
Ward(s) Affected: Nantwich North and West**

Purpose of Report

- 1 To allow Members of the Sub-Committee to determine a contested application for the variation of a premises licence made under the Licensing Act 2003 for the following premises:

1 High Street, Nantwich, CW5 5AW

Executive Summary

- 2 The report provides details of an application for a Premises Licence, under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, sets out the relevant representations made, and outlines the evidence presented by the parties in relation to the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Licensing Sub-Committee is requested to consider the application and any relevant representations and determine what steps, if any, it considers are appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

Background

- 3 On 11th June 2024 an application was received by the Licensing Team for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of a premises known as 1 High Street, Nantwich, CW5 5AW.

The application was sent for consultation the same day (11th June 2024). The last date for representations to be made was 9th July 2024. A copy of the full application and plan is attached to this report at **Appendix 1**.

4 Licensing records show that a Premises Licence currently exists in relation to 1 High Street, Nantwich CW5 5AW. The Premises Licence Number 332 refers, and a copy is attached to this report at **Appendix 2**.

5 A map of the area in which the premises is located is attached to this report at **Appendix 4**.

6 The applicant has requested changes to the following licensable activities.

The provision of live music, the provision of recorded music, Anything of a similar description to the above, Late night refreshment, The supply of alcohol, Hours the premises are open to the public and to update the plan associated with the licence.

7 The amended hours applied for are as follows:

The provision of live music on and off the premises

Monday to Sunday 12.00 – 02.00

Provisions of Recorded Music (Indoors & outdoors)

Monday to Sunday 10.00 – 02.00

Anything of a similar description to the above

Monday to Sunday 12.00 – 02.00

Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Sunday 23.00 – 02.00

The supply of alcohol

Monday to Sunday 09.30 – 02.00

Hours the premises are open to the public

Monday to Sunday 09.30 – 02.30

Consultation and Engagement

8 Licensing records show that the Public Notice that is required to be displayed at or near the proposed premises in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005, has been inspected by a Licensing Officer on 14th June 2024 and confirmed to be present, and met the requirements under the regulations. The Public Notice has also been duly advertised in the Crewe Chronicle, as required.

9 Responsible Authorities:

The Licensing Authority have not received any representations from the Responsible Authorities.

10 Other Persons:

The Council received two representations against the application, from members of the public. A copy of the representations is attached to this report at **Appendix 3**.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 11 The Licensing Act Sub-Committee has the power to determine this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Constitution.
- 12 Acting in the capacity of the Licensing Authority, Members must seek to promote the Licensing Objectives and where Members consider that matters have engaged one or more of the Objectives, they may exercise their discretion. The Licensing Objectives are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

Other Options Considered

- 13 No other options have been considered because the process for determining contested applications is set by legislation.

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

- 14 The Sub Committee must determine this application in accordance with section 35 of the Licensing Act 2003. To do so otherwise would render its determination unlawful and invalid.
- 15 In accordance with the provisions of section 35 (3)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Authority Sub Committee must, having regard to the representations, made in this application take such steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 16 Section 35 (4) provides that the authority may:
- Modify the conditions of the licence
 - Reject the whole or part of the application
- 17 Members are reminded that should any conditions be added or amended, they should be practical, enforceable and appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

- 18 Members may not extend the period for which the licence has effect.
- 19 Members may not vary substantially the premises to which the licence relates.
- 20 Members may vary the premises licence so that it has effect subject to different conditions in respect of different parts of the premises or different licensable activities.
- 21 Members are reminded that they are to determine the variation application before them and cannot change parts of the licence that are not part of the application.
- 22 Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are reminded that they may not exercise discretion in any case, merely because it considers it desirable to do so. Careful consideration should be given to the application and the evidence presented by the parties in relation to the application.
- 23 Members are also reminded of the statutory obligation placed on the Local Authority under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to through all of its various functions, and Licensing is one of those functions to do all that it can to prevent Crime and disorder, Anti-social Behaviour, behaviour adversely affecting the environment and reoffending.
- 24 Members must give reasons for their determination and notice of it must be communicated to the parties to this application. If Members depart from the Statutory Guidance or the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy then their decision notice must set out the reasons for doing so.
- 25 Finally, Members are also reminded that in determining the application, consideration also needs to be given to:
 - The rules of natural justice
 - The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

Section 151 Officer/Finance

- 26 There are no financial implications.

Policy

- 27 The Licensing Authority has adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 28 The Licensing Authority must also have due regard to the guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 29 Members should provide reason(s) for any decision taken and should set out the reasoning where they determine to depart in any way from the Policy or Guidance.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

30 There are no equality implications.

Human Resources

31 There are no human resources implications.

Risk Management

32 The Licensing Sub-Committee will hear representations made on behalf of both the applicant and the 'relevant person' who has submitted their representation and will make a decision on the basis of the evidence presented to it. The Licensing Act 2003 makes provision for appeal to the Magistrates' Court of any decision made by the Licensing Authority.

Rural Communities

33 There are no implications for rural communities.

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

34 There are no implications for children and young people.

Public Health

35 There are no direct implications for public health.

Climate Change

36 There are no implications for climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Application & Plan Appendix 2 – Existing Premises Licence Appendix 3 – Representations from members of the public Appendix 4 – Map of General area
Background Papers:	Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (publishing.service.gov.uk) Council's Statement of Licensing Policy published under section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 Licensing Act 2003 The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005