

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	Monday 11th December 2017
Report of:	Jennifer Knight, Licensing Officer
Subject/Title:	Determination of a Temporary Event where an objection notice has been received

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides details of a Temporary Event Notice submitted by Teracina Margaret Slaughter-Hudson which has been served in respect of:

**The White Horse
22 Pillory Street, Nantwich, CW5 5BD**

- 1.2 The notice requests authorisation for the following licensable activities to take place between 19.00 hours on 22nd December 2017 and 03.00 hours on 23rd December 2017

- i. The sale by retail of alcohol (for consumption on the premises)
- ii. The provision of regulated entertainment
- iii. Late night refreshment

- 1.3 A maximum of 400 people can attend the event

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Licensing Act Sub-Committee is requested to consider the temporary event notice served, the objection received and determine whether to give a Counter Notice under section 105 of the Licensing Act 2003. A Counter notice will render any licensable activities provided unlawful.
- 2.2 Acting in the capacity of Licensing Authority, Members must seek to promote the Licensing Objectives, and where Members consider matters have engaged one or more of the objectives, they may exercise their discretion. The licensing objectives are:
- (a) The prevention of crime and disorder
 - (b) Public safety
 - (c) The prevention of public nuisance
 - (d) The protection of children from harm
- 2.3 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 notice and objection.

2.4 The Sub-Committee in respect of this application must have regard to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.5 Finally, Members are also reminded that in determining the temporary event notice in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, Members must also have regard to:

- The rules of natural justice
- The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 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.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 Nantwich South and Stapeley

5.0 Local Ward Members

Councillor Peter Groves
Councillor Andrew Martin

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 The Licensing Authority has adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

6.2 The Licensing Authority must also have due regard to the guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

6.3 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.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 Section 104 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that where a 'relevant person' (i.e. the Chief Officer of Police or the Environmental Health Service) are satisfied that allowing a premises to be used in accordance with a temporary event notice would undermine a licensing objective, that 'relevant person' is required to give a notice ("an objection notice") stating the reasons for being so satisfied.

- 8.2 Where a licensing authority receives an objection notice it is required, by section 105(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 to:
- a) hold a hearing to consider the objection notice, unless the premises user, the relevant person who gave the notice and the licensing authority agree that a hearing is unnecessary; and
 - b) having regard to the objection notice, give the premises user a counter notice if it considers it appropriate for the promotion of a licensing objective to do so.
- 8.3 In circumstances where an objection notice has been given (and not withdrawn) and the licensing authority has determined not to give a counter notice under section 105, the authority may impose one or more conditions on the standard temporary event notice if (a) the authority considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so; (b) if the conditions are already imposed on the premises licence that has effect in respect of the premises; and (c) the conditions would not be inconsistent with the carrying out of the licensable activities under the temporary event notice.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee will hear representations made on behalf of both the premises user and the 'relevant person' who has submitted the objection notice and will make a decision on the basis of the evidence presented to it. Section 181 and Schedule 5 (part 3) of the Licensing Act 2003 make provision for appeal to the Magistrates' Court of any decision made by the Licensing Authority.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 On 30th November 2017 the Licensing Authority received a Temporary Event Notice in respect of an event to be held at The White Horse. A copy of the notice is attached at appendix 1. A summary of the licensable activities is provided in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 (above).
- 10.2 Cheshire Constabulary has not submitted a representation
- 10.3 Environmental Health has submitted an objection to the notice attached at appendix 2

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Temporary Event Notice
Appendix 2 – Environmental Health Objection