REPORT FOR DECISION



Agenda Item

DECISION OF:	LICENSING HEARINGS PANEL			
DATE:	20 th JANUARY 2013			
SUBJECT:	THIS REPORT RELATES TO AN APPLICATION TO VARY THE PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF THE LONGSIGHT SERVICE STATION, LONGSIGHT ROAD, GREENMOUNT, BURY, BL8 4DB			
REPORT FROM:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LOCALITIES)			
CONTACT OFFICER:	MR M BRIDGE			
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL			
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain			
SUMMARY:	This report relates to an application to vary a Premises Licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the Longsight Service Station, Longsight Road, Greenmount, Bury, BL8 4DB of which representations have been made.			
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	 To refuse the application To grant the application in the terms requested To grant the application subject to conditions To amend or modify existing or proposed conditions 			
IMPLICATIONS:				
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:		Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes No		
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:		There are no specific issues from the report other than potential costs/risks associated with legal appeals.		
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:		The cost of the licensing function are funded through the fees and charges levied by the Council. There may be additional costs if appeals are lodged with the Magistrates and Crown Courts.		

Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes No		
	(see paragraph below)		
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes Under the legislation the Council is required to determine representations. The report is in accordance with the appropriate legislation.		
Wards Affected:	North Manor		
Scrutiny Interest:	Internal Scrutiny Panel		

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations is the relevant legislation.
- 1.2 The Panel will make a decision on the day of the hearing and the parties will be notified subsequently of the decision and the reasons for it by letter from the Licensing Office.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The premises licence holder in respect of these premises is Rontec Watford Limited, 13-14 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1BD. Mr Sajjad Ahmad, 28 Melling Road, Clarksfield, Oldham is the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- 2.2 The applicant has complied with all the necessary procedural requirements laid down by the Act.
- 2.3 As part of the statutory process the Responsible Authorities and interested parties are entitled to make representations in relation to the variation of a premises licence. Where representations are made and not withdrawn Members are required to determine them. Representations have been received from two councillors.
- 2.2 Representations must be relevant to the licensing objectives defined within the Act. The objectives are:
 - a) the prevention of crime and disorder
 - b) public safety
 - c) prevention of public nuisance and

d) protection of children from harm

3.0 THE APPLICATION

3.1 The application is for a variation to the current Premises Licence under Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003 to extend the hours for the retail sale of alcohol and to add the provision of Late Night Refreshment to the licence.

The current Premises Licence authorises the following licensable activities.

a. The Supply of Alcohol – For consumption Off the Premises.

Monday – Sunday

06.00 to 23.00

b. Hours the premises are open to the public:

Monday - Sunday

00.01 to midnight

- 3.2 This application is to increase the hours for the retail sale of Alcohol and to add the following licensable activity to the Premises Licence:
 - c. <u>The Supply of alcohol For consumption Off the Premises.</u>

Monday - Sunday

00.00 to midnight

d. <u>The Provision of Late Night Refreshment:</u>

Monday – Sunday

23.00 to 05.00

4.0 REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Representations in respect of the application have been received from two ward councillors. The issues that they raise are as follows:
 - a. Invitation to have persons travelling from all parts of the borough.
 - b. Opportunity for anti social behaviour and unruly behaviour.
 - c. Extra Traffic.
 - d. Increase in noise for motor vehicles.
 - e. Pollution in the early hours of the morning.
- 4.2 The representations were received before the end of the objection period.

5.0 REPRESENTATIONS FROM A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

5.1 A representation was received from Greater Manchester Police, however following discussions with the premises licence holder concerning the application the representation was subsequently withdrawn due an agreement being reached provided the following condition is attached to the premises licence:-

"The entrance door to the shop will be closed to customers between 24.00 and 06.00. Any sales between these hours will be made through to night pay window".

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

6.1 After hearing the representations made and the evidence presented Members are obliged to determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and having regard to the Authority's Licensing Policy and National Guidance.

List of Background Papers:-

Application form Representations received Plan

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