

Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Application for New Premises Licence – Guildhall, Guildhall Street, Bury St Edmunds	
Report No:	LSC/SE/18/003	
Report to and date:	Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee	10 May 2018
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Purpose of report:	To consider an application for a new premises licence submitted by Bury St Edmunds Heritage Trust for Bury St Edmunds Guildhall, Guildhall Street, Bury St Edmunds. Representations have been received from 'other persons' which have been accepted and the Sub-Committee are, therefore, required to determine the application.	

Recommendation:	<p>Members are requested to determine the application having regard to the four licensing objectives; Statement of Licensing Policy; the representations attached to this report; any further relevant information presented to the sub-committee on the day of the hearing; and having regard to the above, take any of the steps set out below provided they are proportionate and appropriate for the promotion of the four licensing objectives:</p> <p>The steps may be:</p> <p>(a) Grant the licence as applied for, or</p> <p>(b) Grant the licence, subject to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, modified to such extent as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, or</p> <p>(c) Reject the whole or part of the application.</p>
Key Decision:	No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation:	The applicant is required to place a notice on the premises; and advertise the application in a locally circulating newspaper/periodical. The Licensing Authority advertises the application on the Council website. The application met the statutory requirements.
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Implications:	
<i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •
<i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •
<i>Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •
<i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> • See No 2.1 below
<i>Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •
Risk/opportunity assessment:	<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>

Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
Any decision reached which is not in accordance with the Act and any regulations made under the Act may be considered ultra vires and could be subject to an application for Judicial Review.	High	The Sub-Committee, in determining the application, should have regard to its statement of licensing policy and any guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, but may depart from these where reasons are given.	Low
Ward(s) affected:		Abbeygate	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Licensing Act 2003 S.182 Guidance https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/702660/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_April_2018 .pdf St Edmundsbury Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1 – Application Appendix 2 – Basic Location Plan Appendix 3 – Accepted Representations	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation(s)

1.1 Key Issues

1.1.1 An application has been received for a new premises licence for the Guildhall, Guildhall Street, Bury St Edmunds. A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix 1**.

1.1.2 The application seeks - supply of alcohol 10.00-00.30 Monday-Saturday and 10.00-23.30 Sunday; plays and films Monday-Sunday 09.00-22.30, live music/recorded music/performance of dance Monday-Saturday 09.00-00.30 and Sunday 09.00-23.30 (outdoor events to end by 21.30); and late night refreshment Monday-Sunday 23.00-00.30. The proposed opening hours are Monday-Saturday 08.00-01.00 and Sunday 08.00-00.00.

A basic location plan is attached as **Appendix 2**.

1.1.3 The four Licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 are set out below. Any representations for consideration must relate to one or more of these objectives.

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

1.1.4 Relevant Representations

(a) The application has to be advertised, both at the premises and in a local newspaper. Details are also available on the Council website.

(b) Four accepted representations have been received and are attached as **Appendix 3**.

The representations are made under the licensing objectives 'The Prevention of Crime and Disorder', 'The Prevention of Public Nuisance' and 'Public Safety'.

The Guildhall has been restored and refurbished and is soon to reopen.

1.1.5 Matters for consideration

(a) Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on each local authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area.

(b) If the Licensing Authority decides that this application should be refused, it will need to show that to grant the licence would:

- undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives; and

- that appropriate conditions would be ineffective in preventing the problems involved.

If the Licensing Authority cannot show the above, the application should be granted.

- (c) In making their decision, Members are advised to consider the Licensing Act 2003, the Guidance on the Act and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

1.1.6 **Other options considered**

No other relevant options were available.

2. Additional supporting information

2.1 Legal and policy implications

- 2.1.1 The Sub-Committee may take any of the steps set out below, provided they are proportionate and appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- (a) Grant the licence as applied for, or
- (b) Grant the licence, subject to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, modified to such extent as the authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, or
- (c) Reject the whole or part of the application.

A condition is modified where it is altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

- 2.1.2 Each application should be considered on its own merits, having regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

- 2.1.3 The decision may be appealed, by the applicant or any other party to the hearing, within 21 days of written notification of the determination made by the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee should state in reaching its determination those matters which it considered relevant, those matters which it did not consider as they were irrelevant, and its reasons for the decision.