

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

12 August 2021

Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services

Title: Licensing Act 2003
Application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of Lizard Lounge, 66 Queens Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1QU

Ward: Central

Officer Presenting Report: Carl Knights

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Purpose of the report

To hold a hearing to consider relevant representations made on the application for a premises licence for Lizard Lounge made by Lizard Lounge Limited and received on 11th June 2021

Members have a pack containing the following documents:

- (a) Copy of the application
- (b) Copy of all relevant representations
- (c) Points of clarification raised with the parties and their responses
- (d) The Council's statement of licensing policy
- (e) The Secretary of state's guidance
- (f) The Council's Licensing procedure rules
- (g) Regulations governing the conduct of hearings

Context

The detail of the variation is as follows:

A variation application to extend the licensable activities timings on Sunday night from 2am to 4am.

The Licensable activities the applicant seeks to extend to 4am on Sundays are Provisions of Plays(indoors) Provision of Live Music(indoors), provision of recorded Music(indoors); Provision of anything of Similar Description to Live Music, Recorded Music or Performances of Dance(indoors), Supply of Alcohol (on the premises).

The application also seeks to extend closing time on a Sunday to 4am and add a number of Conditions.

The application was accompanied by an operating schedule setting out the steps the applicant proposes to take to promote the four licensing objectives. If there had been no relevant representations (or if all relevant representations are withdrawn) the council would be bound to grant the application subject only to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application. The draft of a licence that could have been issued, having regard to guidance and policy and acting with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives, is appended to this report as Appendix A.

Policy

City Centre CIA

Reason for Policy

The Avon and Somerset Police produced evidence to support their request that the central area of Bristol be designated a cumulative impact area . It remains at saturation point and the Police produced evidence for extending the area to which the special policy should apply so as to include Stokes Croft and Cabot Circus. In particular the area, which has a significant concentration of alcohol led late night venues, witnesses a high number of assaults and other related crime and disorder including public nuisance and risk to public safety. The policy will apply to further applications for the grant of new licenses or significant variations of existing licenses in respect of premises that primarily sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, other late night uses, restaurants and take away outlets. The main focus of the policy is likely to be on alcohol led establishments and premises that keep customers in the area at times when the promotion of the licensing objectives is most challenging (for example late night refreshment from “fast food” outlets)

Representations

1. Relevant representations have been received from the following parties, all of whom have been notified of this hearing and their rights:
 - Megan Odell
 - Abigail Shepherd
 - Simon Margetts & Emily Wolfe

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SUB COMMITTEE hold a hearing to consider the relevant representations (unless the subcommittee, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary) and, having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in paragraph 6 below, if any, as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. In making this (and all licensing decisions) the subcommittee must have regard to the guidance and policy included in the subcommittee’s pack

2. The steps are –

- (a) To grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule
- (b) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates
- (c) To reject the application

3. If a licence is granted any relevant mandatory conditions must be imposed in addition to any conditions the subcommittee decides to impose after the hearing. Mandatory conditions are standard conditions imposed by way of legislation and in respect of which there is no power to vary.

4. If the subcommittee decides to grant the application Notice in line with the statutory requirements must be given forthwith to that effect to the applicant, all of the people who made relevant representations and the Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset and must state the reasons for taking any of the steps set out in paragraph 6 of this report; the applicant must also be issued with the licence and a summary of it.

5. If the subcommittee decides to reject the application notice must be given forthwith to that effect to the applicant, all of the people who made relevant representations and the Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset and must state the reasons for the decision.

APPENDICES

Appendix A Current premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background papers: Application and supporting documents.

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