

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**2 February 2023**

**Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services**

**Title:** Licensing Act 2003  
Application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of Aqua, 153  
Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 2RF

**Ward:** Clifton Down

**Officer Presenting Report:** Sarah Flower

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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 Aqua made by Smithson And Sons Ltd and received on 12th December 2022

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:

Variation application 13.12.2022

Application to extend the opening hours to the following:

Monday - Saturday 07:00 - 00:00

Sunday 07:00 - 23:00

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 If there had been no relevant representations (or if all relevant representations are withdrawn) the council would be bound to grant the application subject only to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the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.

## **Representations**

1. Relevant representations have been received from the following parties, all of whom have been notified of this hearing and their rights:

- Hamish Wills
- Jane Powell
- Penelope And Thomas Messel
- Cllr Tom Hathway
- Cllr Carla Denyer
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## **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 refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor] delete where not applicable
- (d) 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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