

## **GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE: APTON HALL, APTON HALL ROAD, ROCHFORD, SS4 3RH**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report introduces an application for the grant of a Premises Licence made under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The application must be determined within 5 working days of the conclusion of the hearing, in accordance with paragraph 26 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The application was submitted to the Licensing Authority by the applicant, Apton Hall Events Limited, and refers to the premises to be known as Apton Hall, Apton Hall Road, Rochford, Essex SS4 3RH.
- 2.2 Appendix A consists of a copy of the original application form and the premises plan.

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The premises to which the application relates comprise a wedding and function venue with overnight bed and breakfast accommodation. The premises is located within a quiet area of Rochford.
- 3.2 Appendix B is a map of the area.
- 3.3 The application is for the following licensable activities within the times and days shown below:-

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time/s and Days</b>
Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises)	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 01:00am the following day
Provision of Plays	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 01:00am the following day
Provision of Films	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 01:00am the following day
Provision of Live Music	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 01:00am the following day
Provision of Recorded Music	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 01:00am the following day
Performance of Dance	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 01:00am the following day

Provision of Late Night Refreshment	Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 02:00am the following day
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**Seasonal Variation:**

New Years Eve, Valentines Day, Halloween, Christmas Eve and all Fridays and Saturdays on Bank Holidays to be extended by 1 hour.

- 3.4 The application is made in accordance with section 17 and schedule 8, part 1, paragraph 7 of the Licensing Act 2003 and The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005.
- 3.5 Prior to submitting the application, the applicants have previously submitted eleven Temporary Event applications with no representations from Essex Police or the Council's Environmental Health team.

**4 REPRESENTATIONS****Responsible Authorities**

- 4.1 The application has been assessed by Environmental Health and they are not making any representations.
- 4.2 The Police and Rochford District Council have agreed conditions with the applicant for the Committee to consider should the licence be granted.
- 4.3 Appendix C is a copy of the agreed conditions.

**Other Persons**

- 4.4 There has been one representation received from a local resident. The representation raises concerns in relation to the following licensing objectives:
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
  - Prevention of Public Nuisance
- 4.5 Appendix D consists of a copy of the valid representations received.

**5 NOTICES**

- 5.1 All parties involved have been served with the relevant notices and documentation required by paragraphs 6 and 7 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.
- 5.2 The notices and documentation included an explanation of the rights of persons to attend hearings and to be represented, to give evidence and to call witnesses, the consequences of not attending, the procedure to be followed at

a hearing, and, for applicants only, a copy of all relevant representations made.

- 5.3 Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the regulations require that parties notify the Licensing Authority, no later than 5 working days before the hearing, of those matters mentioned in paragraph 5.1 above. A pro-forma was included with the notices and documentation mentioned paragraph 5.2 above.

## **6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The provisions of Licensing Act 2003, The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003 and the Statement of Licensing Policy, approved by Full Council for the period 31 January 2016 to 31 January 2021 need to be considered by Members in determining the application.

## **7 OPTIONS**

- 7.1 The following options are available to Members:
- (a) To grant the application subject to such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule, modified to such extent as Members consider necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and any Mandatory Condition that must be included;
  - (b) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
  - (c) To reject the application.
  - (d) Subject to paragraphs 11 TO 13 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, to adjourn the hearing to a specified date or arrange for a hearing to be held on specified additional dates, where Members consider this to be necessary for their consideration of any representations or notice made by a party.

## **8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

## **9 RECOMMENDATION**

- 9.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RESOLVES**

To determine the application having considered all representations made at the hearing.



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**Background Papers:-**

None

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