

**Report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration**

**Report to the Licensing Sub Committee**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Subject: Application for the grant of a premises licence for Greek Community Hall  
The Greek Orthodox Church, Harehills Avenue, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 4EU**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Chapel Allerton	
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

**Summary of main issues**

This is an application for the grant of a premises licence, made by Mr Antonios Demetriou, for Greek Community Hall The Greek Orthodox Church, Harehills Avenue, Harehills, Leeds, LS8 4EU.

This application was adjourned at the hearing on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Members felt that agreements could be possibly reached following further discussions with the residents. The request to adjourn the hearing was not opposed. Members therefore resolved to grant the deferral. The reasons for this are detailed in 4.1.

The application is made for the Greek community hall which is adjacent to the Greek Orthodox Church . The premises will be used for private functions and various community meetings. The proposed licensable activities are live music, late night refreshment and sale by retail of alcohol as detail in 3.0.

Responsible authorities and Ward Members have been notified of this application.

The application has attracted representations from other persons, ward councillors and responsible authorities.

## **1.0 Purpose of this Report**

- 1.1 To advise Members of an application made under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") for a premises licence in respect of the above mentioned premises.
- 1.2 Members are required to consider this application due to the receipt of representations.

## **2.0 History of Premises**

- 2.1 This is the first application for a premises licence.

## **3.0 The Application**

- 3.1 The applicant is Mr Antonios Demetriou,
- 3.2 The application form may be found at **Appendix A** to this report.
- 3.3 In summary the application is for  
Sale by retail of alcohol and Live Music.

Everyday 17:00 - 00:00

Late night refreshment.

Everyday 23:00 – 00:00

## **4.0 Other matters relevant to the application**

- 4.1 The hearing for this application was scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- 4.2 The hearing was adjourned pursuant to regulation 12 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) regulations 2005, as it was necessary for further consultation between the applicant and the residents.
- 4.3 In particular while listening to the applicant's presentation to set up a meeting to discuss residents concerns members felt that further discussions were necessary.
- 4.4 At the time of writing this report there were no implications for equality and diversity. Any decision taken by the Licensing Sub-Committee will be in accordance with the four licensing objectives as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.

## **5.0 Steps to promote the Licensing Objectives**

- 5.1 The applicant proposes to take specific steps to promote the licensing objectives identified in section "P" of the application form.

## **6.0 Proposed Designated Premises Supervisor**

6.1 Mr Antonios Demetriou intends to be the Designated Premises Supervisor.

## **7.0 Licensing Hours**

7.1 Members are directed to paragraphs 6.8 to 6.15 of the Statement of Licensing Policy which states the criteria that will be applied to any decision for new applications or variations which include extending hours.

7.2 In brief the Policy states at 6.14 that restrictions may be made to the proposed hours of use where, after receiving relevant representations, the council considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so.

7.3 The council will take into account the existing pattern of licensed premises in an area when considering what is appropriate to promote the objectives. Applications which are significantly out of character for a locality will need to demonstrate that granting the hours sought will not impact on the licensing objectives, given the potential for neighbouring premises to seek the same additional hours to prevent rivals gaining a commercial advantage.

7.4 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at **appendix B**.

## **8.0 Location**

8.1 A map which identifies the location of this premise is attached at **Appendix C**.

## **9.0 Representations**

9.1 Under the Act representations can be received from responsible authorities or other persons. Representations must be relevant and, in the case of another person, must not be frivolous or vexatious.

### **9.2 Representations from Responsible Authorities**

9.2.1 Representations have been received from West Yorkshire Police and Environmental Protection Team in their capacity as a responsible authority.

9.2.2 Any representations submitted may be agreed prior to hearing. In this instance the operating schedule has been amended to include measures agreed with West Yorkshire Police. A copy of the same may be found at **Appendix D**.

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### 9.3 Other representations

9.3.1 The application has attracted representations from other persons.

9.3.2 The licensing section is in receipt of two individual letters of objection. Both which are opposed to this application on the grounds of noise nuisance. Copies are attached at **Appendix F**.

9.3.3 The ward councillors have also submitted a representation. A Copy is attached at **Appendix G**.

### **10.0 Options Available to Members**

10.1 The licensing sub-committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- Grant the application as requested.
- Grant the application whilst imposing additional conditions and/or altering in any way the proposed operating schedule.
- Exclude any licensable activities to which the application relates.
- Refuse to specify the said person as the designated premises supervisor.
- Reject the whole or part of the application.

10.2 Members of the licensing sub committee are asked to note that they may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.

### **11.0 Background Papers**

- Guidance issued under s182 Licensing Act 2003
- Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy
- Representations received from other persons