



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

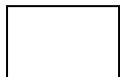
Report to the Licensing Committee

Date: 2 December 2008

Subject: LEEDS FESTIVAL 2008
 GROUNDS OF BRAMHAM PARK BRAMHAM LEEDS LS23 6ND

Electoral Wards Affected:

Wetherby



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a de-brief for the Members of the Licensing Committee following the Leeds Festival 2008.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report informs Members of the matters arising from the Leeds Festival 2008, following the multi-agency debrief meeting held on the 4th October last.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The Premises Licence for the Leeds Festival was considered and approved by the Members of the Licensing Committee on the 28th April 2006.

2.2 The Licence is held for Bramham Park and allows the Leeds Festival to take place every August Bank Holiday weekend.

2.3 The Premises Licence Holder is Mr M Benn and the Designated Premises Supervisor is Mr T Butkeraitis.

2.4 The days and hours and activities of the licence are :

Provision of Facilities for Dancing, Performance of Dance, Exhibition of a Film, Performance of Live Music, Performance of Recorded Music, Anything of a similar Description, Performance of a Play, Facilities for Entertainment of Similar Description, Provision of Facilities for Making Music,

Thursday 19:00 - 03:00
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12:00 - 03:00

Late Night Refreshment

Wednesday to Sunday 23:00 - 05:00

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Monday 17:00 - 00:00
Tuesday to Sunday 00:01 - 00:00

- 2.5 The total capacity for the event site is: 69,999 being made up of 65,000 ticket holders and 4,999 guests and staff.
- 2.6 Members resolved to grant the application as requested and accepted the applicants offer to include the following additional three conditions:
- 1) There shall be an Event Management Plan which incorporates the operating schedule submitted to the Licensing Authority at least 6 months prior to the Festival each year
 - 2) The Event Management Plan and any revisions to the Event Management Plan must be approved by the Licensing Authority prior to the festival.
 - 3) The Premises Licence Holder shall comply with the terms and requirements of the Event Management Plan each year.
- 2.7 In addition, the Committee reserved the right to determine how the final Event Management Plan for the festival should be agreed, with the facility for the final plan to be agreed by the Committee or officers under delegated authority.
- 2.8 The applicant provided the Event Management Plan for the 2008 Festival to all responsible agencies in February 2008.
- 2.9 An application to vary the Premises Licence was made on the 6 March 2008 to extend the hours for the following activities:
- B Films
 - E Live Music
 - F Recorded Music
 - H Anything of a Similar Description to that Falling within (E) or (F)
 - I Provision of Facilities for Making Music
 - J Provision of Facilities for Dancing
 - K Provision of Facilities for Entertainment of a similar Description to that falling within (I) or (J)

The variation will allow the above mentioned activities within the following areas until 06:00 hours on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings:

Brown/Green Campsite
Orange Campsite
Yellow Bubble Campsite
Blue Valley Campsite
Red Campsite

Piccadilly Party Campsite
Silent Disco

- 2.10 No representations were received from the responsible authorities or interested parties and the premises licence was issued on the 3 April 2008.
- 2.11 Members received a report on the progress of the multi agency meetings on Tuesday 5 August 2008 and agreed to give delegated authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) to approve the final Event Management Plan for the event.
- 2.8 On the 20 August 2008 the Event Management Plan was approved by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services. With the exception of the Electrical Certificates and sight of the CCTV in operation. These were delegated to the Principal Licensing Officer who received the certificates prior to the start of the event on Friday 24 August 2007.

3.0 FESTIVAL LIAISON

- 3.1 Licensing Officers were in attendance throughout the duration of the festival until the main stage had finished each evening, and consequently were present to witness egress from the main event arena. Licensing Officers also attended on site at the conclusion of all licensable activities at 06:00hrs on the Monday morning.
- 3.2 Also, throughout the duration of the festival multi-agency meetings were co ordinated between all agencies and the licence holder. Throughout the course of the event no adverse reports or concerns were expressed by any of the agencies.

4.0 MULTI AGENCY DEBRIEF

- 4.1 The multi agency debrief was held on the 4 October 2008.
- 4.2 Minutes of the debrief meetings are attached at **Appendix 1** for members information.
- 4.3 Members will note that the main issues surrounding the 2008 event was traffic management on the Thursday the main day for arrivals.
- 4.4 The Licensing section received a number of complaints in relation to traffic management on the Thursday including a petition of 205 signatories requesting that the Ring Road should not be used for Festival Traffic.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Members are requested to note this report.