



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Report to the Licensing and Regulatory Panel

Date: 4 AUGUST 2009

**Subject: PERFORMANCE OF HYPNOTISM
HUGH LENNON & HYPNODOG
LEEDS FESTIVAL BRAMHAM PARK ESTATE**

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 Members with details of a request for the performance of Hypnotism at the Leeds Festival 2009 to be held at Bramham Park Wetherby over the August Bank Holiday.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report informs Members of the receipt of a request for a performance of Hypnotism under Hypnotism Act 1952.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Members should note that under the Hypnotism Act 1952 the Local Authority have the power to grant licences for the exhibition, demonstration or performance of hypnotism on any living person at or in connection with an entertainment to which the public are admitted, whether on payment or otherwise, at any place in relation to which a licence for public dancing, singing music or other public entertainment of the like kind is in operation.

3.0 MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 Hugh Lennon & Hypnodog have presented a stage hypnotism show for the past 35 years. For the last 10 years they have performed at the Leeds Festival both at Bramham Park and Templenewsam Park.
- 3.2 A copy of the show content and a risk assessment are attached at Appendix 1 for members information.

- 3.3 Mr. Lennon is a founder member of the European Guild of Professional Stage Hypnotists and Equity
- 3.4 A copy of the Public Liability insurance for Mr Lennon is attached at Appendix 2 for Members information. Members will note that this insurance expires on the 22 August 2009, Mr. Lennon has undertaken to produce the renewed documents prior to the performance.
- 3.5 Attached at Appendix 3 for members information is a copy of the conditions attached to a performance of Hypnotism.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Government

- 4.1 There are no implications for Council policy and governance in respect of determining this application.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal or resource implications

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to note the content of the report and either grant or refuse the request.
- 6.2 If Members are minded to approve the performance then the conditions as mentioned in paragraph 3.5 should be attached to the approval.