



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

**Report to the Licensing Committee**

**Date: 13 August 2013**

**Subject: Leeds Festival 2013 Update**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Wetherby and Harewood	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4 (3 & 7)		
Appendix number: Appendix B		

**Executive Summary**

**1.0** The Leeds Festival is an annual event held within the grounds of Bramham Park from Friday 23 August to Sunday 25 August, held under the authorisation of a premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003.

**2.0 Purpose of this Report**

2.1 This report advises Members of the progress of the multi-agency meetings and the Event Management Plan for the 2013 annual festival.

**3.0 Recommendations**

3.1 The Licensing Committee is required to consider this report and take such steps it considers appropriate to promote the licensing objectives as detailed in paragraph 11.1 of this report and the recommendations as detailed at 11.3.

**4.0 Background Information**

4.1 The premises licence for the Leeds Festival was considered and approved by the members of the Licensing Committee on the 28 April 2006.

4.2 The Licence is held for Bramham Park and allows the festival to take place every August Bank Holiday.

- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 In addition the Committee reserved the right to determine how the final amended 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.
- 4.5 Following a number of successful variation applications the premise licence permits the activities as detailed in Appendix A.

## **5.0 Main Issues**

- 5.1 The draft Event Management Plan for the 2013 Event was received by the Licensing Authority and Responsible Authorities on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013. As in previous years a summary of key changes following the 2012 event were circulated to Members of the Licensing Committee and Ward Members.
- 5.2 A further copy of the summary of changes is provided with this report for Members attention at Appendix B. It should be noted that the contents of the Event Management Plan and the document containing the summary of changes are potentially exempt information under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and (7) as these include information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and it contains information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
- Members are asked to consider exclusion of the press and public from the hearing if these matters contained within the summary of changes are to be discussed.
- 5.3 The maximum capacity for the event site is 89,999 in total. The intention being that the event capacity would increase by 5,000 each year until the 89,999 capacity is reached in 2014. The Event Management Plan for 2013 is set for a capacity of 70,000. The Event Management Plan will be amended subject to consultation and agreement with responsible authorities if ticket sales exceed this number.
- 5.4 To ensure the widest circulation of information the Leeds Festival management team have held meetings with the Parish/Town Councils in the area surrounding the site and maintain regular contact.
- 5.5 The first multi-agency meeting was held on the 11 February 2013 and these meetings have continued on a bi monthly basis. The last meeting will be held on the 6 August 2013. Officers will provide Members of the Licensing Committee with a verbal update at the committee meeting.

## **6 Corporate Considerations**

### **6.1 Consultation and Engagement**

6.1.1 The application for a premises licence considered in 2006 underwent the full 28 day consultation process including a newspaper advertisement and public notices displayed around the site for the required 28 day notice period and full liaison with the Ward Members and responsible authorities. Mr. Benn continues to consult with community representatives through the Parish Councils and local residents on all aspects of the impact of the event.

### **6.2 Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

6.2.1 At the time of writing this report there were no implications for equality and diversity. Any decision taken by the Licensing Committee will be in accordance with the four licensing objectives as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.

### **6.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

6.3.1 When determining applications under the Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Authority must have regard to the relevant legislation, guidance issued by the Home Office, the council's own statement of licensing policy and any associated local area guidance.

6.3.2 Applicants are expected to have had consideration to the relevant policy and any local area guidance when completing their applications and the licensing authority will refer to the policy/local area guidance when making its decision.

6.3.3 The application was granted in 2006 with regard to the Council's Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy, and the event will operate in accordance with the licensing objectives as set out in the current Statement of Licensing Policy 2011-2013.

6.3.4 The licensing regime contributes to the following aims:

#### Best Council Plan 2013-17

- Improve the quality of life for our residents, particular those who are vulnerable or in poverty. Make it easier for people to do business with us; and
- Achieve the savings and efficiencies required to continue to deliver frontline services.

#### Best Council Objectives

- Building a child friendly city – improving outcomes for children and families
- Promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth – improving the economic wellbeing of local people and businesses
- Ensuring high quality public services – improving quality, efficiency and involving people in shaping their city

## **8.0 Resources and Value for Money**

8.1 There are no resource implications to the licensing authority. The premises licence is subject to an annual maintenance fee as prescribed under the Licensing Act 2003.

## **9.0 Legal Implications**

9.1 There are no legal implications known to the Council.

9.2 There is no provision for the premises licence to be open for consideration at this point of time given that the licence and subsequent revisions to the terms of the licence have been previously approved. Instead Members should consider whether and how to approve the Event Management Plan as required under condition 2 of the licence.

## **10.0 Risk Management**

10.1 Preparation for the event is subject to a number of multi-agency meetings.

10.2 Any matters arising during the planning of the 2013 event having an implication on the premises licence and objectives of the Licensing Act will be brought back before the Licensing Committee.

## **11.0 Options Available To Members**

11.1 Members of the Licensing Committee must make decisions with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives which are:

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

11.2 Whilst there should be no major amendments to the Event Management Plan there is still scope for minor changes in accordance with the relevant agency approval. It would therefore not be appropriate for members to approve the Event Management Plan today as it is not in its final form.

11.3 Members may therefore consider it more appropriate, as in previous years to:

- a) Give delegated authority to the head of Licensing and Registration to approve the Event Management Plan prior to the start of the event.

and

- b) Give delegated authority to the head of Licensing and Registration to approve any minor amendments to the Event Management Plan prior to the start of the event.

11.4 Should the Event Management Plan be subject to amendment without the relevant agency consent, or be of a nature which officers consider may impact on the licensing objectives then the Event Management Plan will be brought back before the Licensing Committee prior to the event taking place.

## **12.0 Conclusions**

- 12.1 This report advises Members that the multi-agency process has not highlighted any issues in respect of the 2013 event and that information is being supplied within the agreed time scales.

## **13.0 Recommendations**

- 13.1 The Licensing Committee is required to consider this report and take such steps it considers appropriate to promote the licensing objectives as detailed in paragraph 11.1 of this report and the recommendations as detailed at 11.3.

## **14.0 Background Papers**

Home Office Guidance issued under s182 Licensing Act 2003

Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy – Licensing Act 2003