



Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date: 3rd December 2019

Subject: Premises Licence – Licensing Act 2003
Roundhay Park, Princess Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds
August 2019

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Roundhay | | |
| 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 |
| Refer to Para 1.3 | | |
| Exemption under Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4(3) and 10.4(7) | | |

1. Main issues

On the 21st May 2019 a variation of the Premises Licence issued to Roundhay Park, was granted by the Licensing Committee. The purpose of the application was to allow licensable activities to be held in the Park for up to a capacity of 79,999 persons.

The licence has been put to use on two consecutive occasions when the Park hosted two large capacity concerts in August 2019.

2. Best Council Plan Implications

The licensing regime contributes to Best City Priorities 2019/20:-

- Culture
- Safe, Strong Communities
- Inclusive Growth

3. Resource implications

No resource implications for the licensing authority are identified.

Recommendations

Members of the Licensing Committee are requested to receive feedback from the licence holder together with details of the action log following the 2019 concerts.

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 This report is to provide Members with details of the action log following the concerts held on the 16th and 17th August 2019.
- 1.2 A representative of the licence holder, Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside, will be in attendance at the meeting, together with a representative of the Safety Advisory Group.
- 1.3 Members may consider it appropriate for the public to be excluded from the meeting to allow the licence holder to provide Members with confidential information associated with the two day event, which will fall under the Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4(3) as this includes information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person; and 10.4 (7), information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime as in all the circumstances of the matter the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Roundhay Park previously held a premises licence for a capacity of upto 19,999 persons.
- 2.2 In March 2019 application was received from the licence holder, Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside, to vary the licence.
- 2.3 The variation sought was to increase the capacity to 79,999 to facilitate large scale events.
- 2.4 At the time of application the licence holder had been approached by an external promoter to stage a concert in the park, which took place over two consecutive occasions, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th August 2019.
- 2.5 The application set out that the planning arrangements would be carried out via the Safety Advisory Group, and there would be measures to reduce impact on residents including the distribution of information and a designated phone line to an onsite officer.
- 2.6 The application did initially attract concerns from responsible authorities, namely the Licensing Authority and Planning Authority (Building Control), having concerns for public safety in the area of the Park known as Hill 60, and the stairway serving this area.
- 2.7 In response the applicant included additional measures in the operating schedule to satisfy the responsible authorities that a specific risk assessment for Hill 60 and the Hill 60 stairway would be supplied to Building Control at least 90 days prior to each event.

- 2.8 In addition remedial works were to be carried out to the Hill 60 stairway.
- 2.9 The application attracted twenty eight individual letters of representation in opposition to the application from members of the public. Such representations set out concerns for the negative impact of large scale events on the local area under the public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety objectives.
- 2.10 Members were also presented with one letter in support of the application under the prevention of public nuisance objective.
- 2.11 Initially it was considered that the variation application would be for a consecutive two day concert with the intention to vary the licence back to the 19,999 capacity afterwards. However, Members heard that this was no longer the intention as the licence holder would like the option for the Park to be used for future large scale events.
- 2.12 Members agreed to approve the variation and the licence now contains a capacity of 79,999 persons together with conditions requiring a noise management strategy, and a specific risk assessment to be carried out for all events incorporating Hill 60.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 Although the premises licence is held by Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside, the promoter for the 2 day concert was Kilamanjaro Ltd.
- 3.2 Multi agency meetings via the Safety Advisory Group were convened on the lead up to the event, including a table exercise, and a final site visit took place on Thursday 15th August.
- 3.4 It was noted that the stairway to Hill 60 had received attention with extensive repair works carried out, satisfying responsible authority concerns.
- 3.5 All agency comments following the concerts have been collated by the Safety Advisory Group, which appear in the form of an action log and will inform any future events on a similar scale.

4.0 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The application for the premises licence was subject to the statutory consultation process as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4.1.2 Multi agency liaison is facilitated through Leeds City Council's Safety Advisory Group.

4.2 Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 There are no identified 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 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003). At the time of writing this report there were no implications for equality and diversity.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 Through the promotion of the four statutory licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm, and
- Public Safety.

the Statement of Licensing Policy 2019-2023, and partnership working the licensing regime contributes to the Best City Priorities 2019/20:-

Culture

- Enhancing the image of Leeds through major events and attractions
- Ensuring that culture can be created and experienced by anyone

Safe, Strong Communities

- Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour
- Promoting community respect and resilience

Inclusive Growth

- Supporting growth and investment, helping everyone benefit from the economy to their full potential
- Supporting business and residents to improve skills, helping people into work and into better jobs

4.4 Resources, Procurement and Value for Money

4.4.1 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.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications identified at the time of writing this report.

4.5.2 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.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 The Event Management Plan and all aspects of the event are taken through the Safety Advisory Group process.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 At the time of writing this report, there has been no application to vary/revert the premises licence to the original capacity of 19,999 persons.

5.2 There is the prospect for Roundhay Park to be used for similar large scale events in future.

- 5.3 Any such intentions will be subject to 120 days notice to the licensing authority and relevant agencies (unless waiver agreed), and an Event Management Plan will be supplied 90 days prior, as required by conditions 35 and 36 of the premises licence.
- 5.4 The appropriate course of action would be for the said notice and the Event Management Plan to be served via the Council's Safety Advisory Group.
- 5.5 The action log following the 2019 concerts will be relied on to inform will inform any future events on a similar scale.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members of the Licensing Committee are requested to receive feedback from the licence holder together with details of the action log following the 2019 concerts.

7.0 Background Papers

Safety Advisory Group Action Log (Exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule number 10.4 (7))
Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 to 2023 – Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence (public register copy)¹

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.