

**Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory**

**Report to the Licensing Sub Committee**

**Date: 1st November 2022**

**Subject: Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Leeds Culture Trust, Headingley Rugby Stadium, St Michaels Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley & Hyde Park		
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 Leeds Culture Trust, for Headingley Rugby Stadium, St Michaels Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3BR.

The application is made for a time-limited licence to host the opening event as part of the Leeds 2023 Year of Culture Programme.

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

The application has attracted a single representation from a local resident.

## **1 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 new premises licence in respect of the above mentioned premises.
- 1.2 Members are required to consider this application due to the receipt of a representation.

## **2 History of the Premises**

- 2.1 Headingley Stadium have the benefit of a number of premises licences which are in situ to cover live events, specific stands, terraces and pavilions within the stadium.
- 2.2 This application relates to the premises known as the rugby stadium and includes the rugby pitch and all four stands which sit within the rugby stadia at Headingley Stadium. A charity called Leeds Culture Trust, who wishes to use the Stadium for a one day event, are celebrating all the cultural aspects that make Leeds a brilliant city.
- 2.3 The application, should it be granted, seeks to provide a licence for single use to facilitate the delivery of the event.
- 2.4 The main activity would be taking place on a specially commissioned stage, mounted on the Western Terrace of the Stadium. Audiences would be seated in the North, South and East stands, as well as standing on the pitch.
- 2.5 The application is for a time limited operating schedule of 10 days between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, to be used on one day only on either a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday during the schedule. This is a contingency measure in the instance that the event is required to be moved at short notice due to external factors, i.e. adverse weather conditions.

## **3 The Application**

- 3.1 The applicant's name is Leeds Culture Trust.
- 3.2 The proposed designated premises supervisor is Hector Macpherson Brown.
- 3.3 In summary the application is for:

*Sale of alcohol, performance of a play, exhibition of a film, live music, recorded music, performance of dance and entertainment of a similar description to these activities.*

*Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday – 15:00 until 21:00*

- 3.4 It is the applicant's intention to deliver the event in the afternoon/early evening, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It is envisaged that the main show of the event would last no more than 120 minutes.
- 3.5 A redacted version of the application has been attached at Appendix A.

3.6 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in both section M of the application form and the completed pro-forma risk assessment attached at Appendix B.

#### **4 Location**

4.1 A map which identifies the location of the premises is attached at Appendix C.

#### **5 Representations**

5.1 Under the Act representations can be received from anyone but they must be relevant and, in the case of a member of the public, must not be frivolous or vexatious.

##### Representations from Responsible Authorities

5.2 There have been no representations from the responsible authorities.

##### Other Representations

5.3 The application has attracted a representation from a member of the public (described as 'other persons' in the legislation) opposed to the application on the grounds of noise disturbance.

5.4 In order to protect personal data, a redacted copy of the representation is attached at Appendix D and an original version will be provided to the Licensing Sub Committee Members in advance of the hearing.

#### **6 Licensing Hours**

6.1 Members are directed to paragraphs 6.6 to 6.13 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.

6.2 In brief the Policy states at 6.12 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.

6.3 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 adversely impact on the licensing objectives.

6.4 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at Appendix E.

## **7 Equality and Diversity Implications**

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

## **8 Options Available to Members**

8.1 The licensing subcommittee 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.

8.2 Members of the licensing subcommittee are asked to note that they may not reject the whole or part of the application merely because they consider it desirable to do so. It must be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.

## **9 Background Papers**

- Guidance issued under s182 Licensing Act 2003
- Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy