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Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to the Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 20th December 2022

Subject: Application for the grant of a premises licence for Royal Armouries

Museum, Armouries Drive, Hunslet, Leeds, LS10 1LT

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	⊠ Yes	☐ No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Hunslet & Riverside		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	⊠ No

Summary of main issues

This is an application for the grant of a premises licence made by Board of Trustees of The Armouries, for Royal Armouries Museum, Armouries Drive, Hunslet, Leeds, LS10 1LT.

The application is made to replace a lapsed premises licence due to the licence holder entering administrative proceedings and the no application was made to transfer the licence within the statutory period.

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

The application has attracted representations from other persons and responsible authorities.

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 representations.

2 History of the premises

- 2.1 These premises have had the benefit of a premises licence since November 2005, which recently lapsed due to the licence holder, Royal Armouries (International) Plc., entering administration proceedings on the 20th September 2022.
- 2.2 Without no application to transfer the licence within the statutory 28 day period, the licence ceased to have effect with no option for it to be reinstated.
- 2.3 The lapsed licence authorised the following licensable activities/timings:

Sale of Alcohol

Every Day 09:00 – 02:00

Late Night Refreshment

Every Day 23:00 - 02:00

Films, Plays, Boxing and Wrestling, Live Music, Recorded Music, Indoor Sporting Events, Performance of Dance and Entertainment of a Similar Description

Every Day 09:00 – 03:00

3 The application

- 3.1 The applicant's name is Board of Trustees of The Armouries.
- 3.2 The proposed designated premises supervisor is Rodney Philip Taylor.
- 3.3 In summary the application is for:

Sale of Alcohol

Every Day 09:00 - 01:00

Late Night Refreshment

Every Day 23:00 to 01:00

Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Boxing & Wrestling, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance and Anything of a Similar Desciption Every Day 09:00 – 01:00

Non standard timings

On New Year's Eve from 09:00 to the end of hours on New Year's Day.

- 3.4 A redacted version of the application is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.5 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in the Section M of the application form.
- 3.6 The hours for activities mentioned above differ to those in the application, as the applicant has amended the operating schedule following submission of the application by email, which can be viewed 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 representations from responsible authorities.
- 5.3 Representations have been received from Environmental Protection Team and West Yorkshire Police.
- Any representation may be negotiated prior to the hearing and in this instance the operating schedule has been amended to include the measures agreed with both West Yorkshire Police and Environmental Protection Team.
- 5.5 A copy of West Yorksshire Police's representation and agreement may be found at Appendix D.
- A copy of the Environmental Protection Team's representation and agreement can be found at Appendix E.

Other representations

- 5.7 The application has attracted one representation from a members of the public (described as 'other persons' in the legislation) opposed to the application on the grounds of public nuisance.
- 5.8 The author has expressed concern that they may be at risk of retribution should their details be made public. As such, their personal details have been redacted and they will remain anonymous. For this reason, despite their strength of feeling they will not be attending the hearing and would like their representations to be considered fully in their absence.
- 5.9 In light of the above and to protect personal data, a redacted copy of the representation is attached at Appendix F, and an original copy will be provided to the Licensing Sub Committee 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.

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

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