

## Leeds Festival 2022

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Report of: Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to: Licensing Committee

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

### What is this report about?

- The Leeds Festival (“the Festival”) takes place each August Bank Holiday at Bramham Park.
- The Festival is authorised under a Premises Licence (“the Licence”), granted under the Licensing Act 2003 and issued by the Licensing Authority to Festival Republic Limited (“Festival Republic”).
- The Licence is subject to a condition that the Event Management Plan and any revisions to the Event Management Plan must be approved by the Licensing Authority prior to the Festival.
- Following the Festival a debrief meeting is held through the Safety Advisory Group, followed by a debrief before the Licensing Committee.
- The licensing regime contributes to Best City Priorities 2020-25 (see the [latest version available here](#)):
  - Culture
  - Safe, Strong communities
  - Inclusive Growth

### Recommendations

Licensing Committee is asked to:

- a) Receive and discuss a verbal report from Festival Republic Ltd and partners of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) following the Leeds Festival 2022.
- b) Consider if it is necessary for the public to be excluded from part of the meeting to allow Festival Republic Ltd and SAG partners to provide Members with confidential or exempt information which falls under the Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4(3), as it includes information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person or organisation; and/or 10.4 (7), information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime. Both exclusions require

that in all the circumstances of the matter the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **Why is the proposal being put forward?**

- 1 For the Licensing Committee to receive a debrief following the Leeds Festival 2022.

It is intended that the Licensing Committee will receive a verbal report from Festival Republic Ltd and from partners of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) following the Leeds Festival 2022, on the following subjects:

- Fire Safety
- Welfare & Safeguarding
- Traffic Management
- Public Transport
- Noise Nuisance
- Public Safety
- Salvage & Cleansing

- 2 In addition, the Committee may wish Festival Republic Ltd and SAG partners to address the following issues, which may require the Committee to hold discussions in private:

- Medical
- Crime & Disorder
- Security

### **History**

- 3 The original Premises Licence for Bramham Park was granted in 2006.
- 4 The premises licence is subject to a condition that an Event Management Plan ("EMP") must be approved by the Licensing Authority each year.
- 5 The EMP sets out all arrangements for the event which contribute to the licensing objectives:
  - The prevention of crime and disorder;
  - The prevention of public nuisance;
  - Public safety; and
  - The prevention of children from harm.
- 6 The EMP is not held by the Licensing Authority, but is published by the licence holder through Resilience Direct, a secure platform accessible by all blue light and relevant services who are also members of the Leeds Safety Advisory Group (SAG), co-ordinated by the Resilience & Emergencies Team.
- 7 The services who have access to Resilience Direct include the West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Public Health, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Security Industry Authority, Highways England and LCC departments of Highways, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Health & Safety, Building Control and the Licensing Authority.
- 8 At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022, as specific details in the EMP were yet to be finalised, it was agreed to delegate approval of the final EMP to the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory.

- 9 Having received confirmation that all partners of the SAG were satisfied with the final version of the EMP, approval under such delegated authority was granted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

### What impact will this proposal have?

**Wards Affected:** Wetherby & Harewood

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes     No

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 10 The original premises licence application approved in April 2006 was subject to the formal consultation process as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.
- 11 Agency engagement is held through the Safety Advisory Group process.
- 12 A working group has been established by the Ward Members for Wetherby and Harewood constituencies, involving Parish Council representatives, Festival Republic and relevant agencies.

### What are the resource implications?

- 13 No resource implications for the licensing authority have been identified.

### What are the legal implications?

- 14 Members may consider if it is necessary for the public to be excluded from part of the meeting to allow Festival Republic Ltd and SAG partners to provide Members with confidential or exempt information which falls under the Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4(3), as it includes information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person or organisation; and/or 10.4 (7), information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime. Both exclusions require that in all the circumstances of the matter the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 15 There is no scope for the Licence to be amended, suspended, or revoked under the recommendations in this report.

### What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 16 There are no key risks identified.

### Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth       Health and Wellbeing       Climate Emergency

- 17 The Festival will bring benefits to the region supporting the city's economy and hi-light Leeds as a place to visit. Attracting up to 89,999 attendees some of whom will visit the City's hospitality and retail sector, stay in accommodation, and use public transport.
- 18 A range of welfare services are available throughout the site provided by several voluntary/social care agencies.

19 Festival Republic operate to Live Nation's Environmental Sustainability Charter and have targeted audience sustainability campaigns to support the onsite recycling, composting and salvage operations.

20 New for 2022 was the introduction of the Eco Campsite, equipped with compostable toilets and recycling points. The campsite users signed a pledge to clean up after themselves following the weekends camping. Due to its success Festival Republic are looking to expand this campsite for future events.

### **Options, timescales and measuring success**

21 De-brief meetings of the SAG and Ward/Parish Council working groups have taken place to identify improvements for subsequent events.

### **Appendices**

22 None

### **Background papers**

23 None