

Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to the Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 26th March 2024

**Subject: Application for the grant of a premises licence for The Glee Club
Unit 2, 123 Albion Street, Leeds, LS2 8ER**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Little London & Woodhouse		
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 Comic Enterprises Limited, for The Glee Club Unit 2, 123 Albion Street, Leeds, LS2 8ER.

The applicant has applied for the following:

Exhibition of a film, Performance of a play, Performance of recorded music, Performance of live music, Performance of dance, Anything of a similar description - Every day 10:00 – 03:00.

Sale by retail of alcohol consumption on the premises - Every day 10:00 - 03:00.

Late night refreshment, Every day 23:00 - 03:00.

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

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

The premises are located within the Leeds City Centre Cumulative Impact Area.

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 This is the first application for a premises licence for these premises.

3 The application

- 3.1 The applicant's name is Comic Enterprises Limited.
- 3.2 The applicant has yet to appoint a designated premises supervisor. If the licence is granted, an application to appoint a DPS will be submitted prior to the premises opening.
- 3.3 In summary the application is for:

Exhibition of a film, Performance of a play, Performance of recorded music, Performance of live music, Performance of dance, Anything of a similar description - Every day 10:00 - 03:00.

Sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises - Every day 10:00 -03:00.

Late night refreshment, Every day 23:00 - 03:00.

Non standard timings

Licensable activities will be extended from the end of the permitted hours on New Years Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

On the commencement of British Summertime and on that day only, licensable activities will be extended by one hour.

- 3.4 The applicant proposes to promote the licensing objectives by taking the steps identified in section M of the application form. This document is attached at **Appendix A**.

4 Location

- 4.1 A map which identifies the location of this premises is attached at **Appendix B**.

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 A representation has been received from the Environmental Protection Team in their capacity as a responsible authority which may be found at **Appendix C**.
- 5.3 Other representations
- 5.4 The application has attracted representation from members of the public (described as 'other persons' in the legislation).
- 5.5 The licensing authority is in receipt of nine individual letters of objection, all of which are opposed to this application on the grounds of public nuisance.
- 5.6 One representation has been received from a member of the public who have 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.
- 5.7 In order to protect personal data, redacted copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix D**. Unredacted copies will be available at the hearing for Members consideration.

6 Cumulative Impact Policy

- 6.1 The premises are located within the cumulative impact area for Leeds City Centre, albeit not in either of the two areas of special concerns designated as red zones. The impact of licensed premises in those zones is so severe the council considers any application for a new licence or the variation of an existing licence would be inconsistent with the authority's duty under the Licensing Act 2003, unless the applicant can demonstrate how their application would not lead to an increase in the issues associated with the areas.
- 6.1 Cumulative impact means the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives due to the significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.
- 6.3 An applicant wishing to obtain a new licence for premises falling within any of the cumulative impact areas must identify, through the risk assessment process and/or the operating schedule, the steps they intend to take so that the council and responsible authorities can be satisfied that granting a new licence would not add to the impact already being experienced.
- 6.4 Details of the cumulative impact policy specific to Leeds City Centre and an outline of the evidence behind the reason for setting this policy is attached at **Appendix E**.
- 6.5 Members are directed to paragraph 7.44 of the Statement of Licensing Policy which provides examples of how an application may demonstrate there will be no impact and paragraph 7.45 which provides examples of the matters that the council would not normally take into consideration.

7 Licensing hours

- 7.1 Members are directed to paragraphs 6.8 to 6.15 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.
- 7.2 In brief the Policy states at 6.14 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 A list of premises in the local area and their licensed hours and activities is provided at **Appendix F**.

8 Equality and diversity implications

- 8.1 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.

9 Options available to Members

- 9.1 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.
 - Reject the whole or part of the application.
- 9.2 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.

10 Background papers

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