



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 23RD APRIL 2009

Subject: THE LEEDS FESTIVAL 2009 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN
SITE VISIT AND PRESENTATION

Electoral Wards Affected:
WETHERBY

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

1. This report provides Members with the basis for the additional meeting of the Licensing Committee called in order to undertake a site visit to the proposed Leeds Festival 2009 traffic routes and to receive a presentation at Bramham Park on the Traffic Management Plan associated with the Leeds Festival 2009. The Festival is scheduled to be held within the grounds of Bramham Park during August Bank Holiday weekend.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the itinerary for the meeting on 23rd April 2009

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 On 2nd December 2008 the Committee received a report back from the Multi Agency De-Brief meetings following the Leeds Festival 2008. At that time, Members expressed concern over the 2008 Traffic Management Plan (TMP) which they felt had failed, particularly on the Thursday of the event. Members were aware of numerous complaints regarding traffic congestion throughout East Leeds and requested the TMP be presented to a future meeting once the proposed route had been mapped out following discussions between relevant parties; the ward Councillors and Executive Member. Members requested the attendance of the Senior Highways Officer at that meeting.
- 2.2 In order to facilitate the Committee, Festival Republic Ltd organized a presentation of the TMP to all Licensing Committee Members, local ward Councillors for the East of Leeds and the Executive Member for Leisure to be held at 12 noon on 23rd April 2009
- 2.3 Proposed amendments to the overall Event Management Plan for the 2009 Festival were presented to Committee on 7 April 2009.

2.4 Members remained concerned about the TMP and requested more formal involvement in the process of drafting the TMP. The Committee resolved to undertake a site visit in order to travel the proposed routes to the event and receive a presentation to be given by Festival Republic Ltd (the event organizers) at Bramham Park. Members considered the TMP formed an integral part of the overall Event Management Plan and as traffic congestion had caused a number of problems in 2008, a site visit would be beneficial to the decision making process. The overall Event Management Plan is due to be presented to Committee in August 2009.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The draft Event Management Plan containing the proposed TMP was received by the Licensing Authority and Responsible Agencies on 16 February 2009. To ensure the widest circulation of information the Festival organizers have held meetings with the Parish/Town Councils in the areas surrounding the site and will maintain regular contact with them.

3.2 Members of the Licensing Committee will travel the proposed festival routes contained within the TMP, with appropriate officers from LCC and Festival Republic Ltd, prior to the TMP presentation.

3.3 Following the presentation the Committee will reconvene at the Civic Hall to discuss any matters arising from the site visit and the presentation.

3.4 Members are asked to note that a multi agency meeting specifically to discuss the TMP will be held with relevant responsible parties following the presentation.

3.5 A multi agency meeting on the overall Event Management Plan will be held later the same day.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 No significant implications identified.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 Costs for the additional meeting and transport will be met by the Chief Executives Department.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to view the routes proposed within the TMP, in conjunction with the contents of the presentation to be provided by Festival Republic Ltd

6.2 Members are requested to consider any comments they feel will be beneficial to the event organisers in the creation of the TMP