



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date: 16 November 2010

Subject: LEEDS FESTIVAL 2010

GROUNDS OF BRAMHAM PARK BRAMHAM LEEDS LS23 6ND

Electoral Wards Affected:

Wetherby



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a de-brief for the Members of the Licensing Committee following the Leeds Festival 2010.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report informs Members of the matters arising from the Leeds Festival 2010, following the multi-agency debrief meetings held on the 7 October last.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The Premises Licence for the Leeds Festival was considered and approved by the Members of the Licensing Committee on the 28th April 2006.

2.2 The Licence is held for Bramham Park and allows the Leeds Festival to take place every August Bank Holiday weekend.

2.3 Members resolved to grant the application as requested and accepted the applicants offer to include the following additional three conditions:

- 1) There shall be an Event Management Plan which incorporates the operating schedule submitted to the Licensing Authority at least 6 months prior to the festival each year.
- 2) The Event Management Plan and any revisions to the Event Management Plan must be approved by the Licensing Authority prior to the festival.
- 3) The Premises licence Holder shall comply with the terms and requirements of the Event Management Plan each year.

- 2.4 In addition, the Committee reserved the right to determine how the final Event Management Plan for the festival should be agreed, with the facility for the final plan to be agreed by the Committee or officers under delegated authority.
- 2.5 In 2008 the licence was varied to include the following licensable activities (B) Films, (E) Live Music, (F) Recorded Music, (H) Anything of a similar Description to that Falling within (E) or (F), (I) Provision of Facilities for Making Music, (J) Provision of facilities for Dancing, (K) Provision of facilities for Entertainment of a Similar Description to that falling within (I) or (J), within designated camp site areas until 06:00hrs.
- 2.6 Members may recall that at the Licensing Committee meeting on the 4 December 2008 (Minute 3.1) a report of the outcome of the 2008 event was given which advised Members that the main issue was the traffic Management on the Thursday prior to the start of the event. Mr. Benn the festival organiser advised Members that an alternative traffic management plan would be considered for the 2009 event.
- 2.7 In 2009 a new traffic management plan was introduced to the satisfaction of the Licensing Committee. The 2009 event passed with no traffic problems.
- 2.8 The applicant provided the draft Event Management Plan for the 2010 Festival to all responsible agencies on the 13 November 2009. The Event Management Plan detailed proposals to re position the stage due to the crowd dynamic issues between the two main arenas in 2009.
- 2.9 As in previous years a copy of the Summary of Changes from the 2009 event was circulated to Members of the Licensing Committee and Ward members in the wards surrounding the event site.
- 2.10 To ensure the widest circulation of information the organisers held meetings with the Parish/Town Councils in the areas surrounding the event site and maintained regular contact with them.
- 2.11 The first multi agency meeting with the responsible agencies was held on the 25 February 2010 and these meetings were held on a regular basis up until the event.
- 2.12 At the Licensing Committee meeting on the 20 July 2010 Members resolved:
- 1) To thank Mr. Benn for his attendance and informative presentation.
 - 2) To delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) to approve the Event Management Plan and any minor amendments prior to the start of the event.

3.0 FESTIVAL LIAISON

- 3.1 Throughout the duration of the festival multi-agency meetings were co ordinated between all agencies and the licence holder or his representatives.
- 3.2 These meetings are called each day to give updates from the Festival Republic and to report any issues identified requiring attention.

4.0 MULTI AGENCY DEBRIEF

- 4.1 Multi agency debriefs were held on the 7 October 2010.
- 4.2 In general all agencies were satisfied with the running of the event.

4.3 Comments from Agencies

West Yorkshire Police:

- 1) West Yorkshire Police were very pleased with the CCTV and communication with the operating company.
- 2) West Yorkshire Police reported that crime was down overall on 2009. Details of reported crime are noted in Appendix 1. The majority of the total crime was theft from tent (143 incidents). Almost half of these occurred in Orange Camping. Brown camping which has hardly featured in previous year had 9 reported. An assault was also reported in Brown Camping and WYP recommend that additional security is in place for next year.
- 3) There were 21 Arrests, a reduction of 18 from last year. WYP believe this was due to the Leeds Festival Security taking action early and evicting people before they were offending.
- 4) WYP reported that Operation Northdale (an award winning rape prevention campaign) was a success as no cases of sexual assault were reported. This operation will be repeated next year.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue:

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue thought that the event went very well and their only recommendation for future events was the provision of additional fire back packs in the arena particularly on the Sunday night and for the arena teams to be vigilant in detecting and reporting camp fires in the arena.

Environmental Protection:

- 1) A total of 24 noise complaints received from 20 complainants at 19 households, the same numbers as last year.
- 2) Complaints were received from the Thorner and Barwick in Elmet areas in the main as opposed to last year when the complaints mainly came from the Bramham area. This was due to the wind direction over the weekend.
- 3) Environmental Protection noted that the noise issues appeared to be generated from the Piccadilly Party DJ on the Thursday. To counter this issue the microphone was removed from the DJ.
- 4) Environmental Protection would like sound propagation tests for all the camp site music stages in 2011.
- 5) Post event a complaint was received from a Barwick in Elmet resident requesting assistance from the council in the reduction of noise from the site. Environmental Protection officers are in correspondence with the complainant.

Environmental Health/Health and Safety:

- 1) Generally the sanitation on site was very good but there were some issues with the pipes supplying water to the water points. It was noted that some joints were not properly secured causing leakage.

- 2) Initial water supply testing prior to the start of the event identified a high iron content, as the system was in low level use and no tanker water was being used at the time it was likely to be the supply network rather than the water at issue. This did not constitute a health hazard.
- 3) Biological water testing throughout the event did not highlight any major issues.
- 4) It is recommended that a new sampling regime be looked at for 2011 and beyond.

Building Control:

- 1) Building Control noted that the main stage position was much better than previous years and the disabled viewing platforms afforded an excellent view.
- 2) It was recommended that radio communication between the stage right and stage left disabled platforms to ease pressure as stage right was the most popular platform.
- 3) The crowd dynamic issues identified in 2009 did not occur this year but it was evident that the audience identified that the area by Foxtrot Gate gave an excellent view of the main stage and a large number stopped to view the concert causing a blockage. Festival Republic confirmed that additional security would be deployed in this area in the future to keep the audience moving.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

- 1) Yorkshire Ambulance Service advised that the event was well managed and well resourced.
- 2) Yorkshire Ambulance Service transported 6 patients from the site.

Trading Standards:

- 1) A new initiative this year was a tout response vehicle which was staffed by Festival Republic Managers, West Yorkshire Trading Standards officers, West Yorkshire Police, Department of Works and Pensions and Leeds City Council Highways Enforcement Officers.
- 2) The remit of this initiative was to look at illegal trading of tickets and counterfeit goods on the highway.
- 3) The multi agency tout response vehicle worked very well and resulted in 7 cease trading orders and 2 arrests. No forged tickets were found.
- 4) Trading standards are to look at having an additional team working during the festival as the tout team was called into the site on a number of occasions.
- 5) Inland Detection officers attended the festival in respect of illegal tobacco sales. No major issues identified and will be unlikely to attend future events. Trading Standards did confiscate some cigarettes and issued a warning letter.

Licensing Section:

- 1) Throughout the event inspection by Licensing Officers identified some issues with security staff undertaking activities for which they were not appropriately authorized for, when reported these issues were dealt with and the staff involved were removed and re briefed on their duties.
- 2) It was noted that at peak times there was pressure around Foxtrot Gate as Festival Republic staff entering and leaving the arena conflicted with festival attendees going

into the main arena. It was suggested that an alternative route for staff may alleviate this issue.

Traffic Management De Brief:

- 1) All traffic related agencies considered the traffic management plan was a huge success.
- 2) Festival Republic and the agencies are to look at some improvements to the traffic management plan for the Wednesday as the early bird tickets now total some 20,000.

Festival Republic:

- 1) Festival Republic considered that the festival was very successful this year.
- 2) The multi agency tout response vehicle worked very well and its operation will be extended in 2011.
- 3) Particular successes of note were the traffic management, behavior on the campsites on the Sunday night, proactive evictions, sanitation, the new main stage location, and the CCTV standard.
- 4) Festival Republic thanked all agencies for the team effort throughout the build up and during the event.
- 5) A summary of the statistics presented to the multi agency de brief is attached at Appendix 2 for Members information.
- 6) It was noted that an application to increase the capacity of the event site by 20,000 to 89,999 will be submitted and subject to grant will be implemented over 4 years at 5,000 per year.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Members are requested to note this report.

Appendix 1

Crime Figures			
Total Reported	238		
Breakdown of Figures			
Armed Robbery	1		
Sexual Assault	1		
Aggravated Assault	4		
Domestic Violence	2		
Child Abuse	11		
DAMAGE TO MOTOR VEHICLE	1		
Child Abuse (ILTI)	6		
Public Order	2		
Shoplifting	1		
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2		
THEFT NON SPECIFIC	137		
THEFT FROM PERSON	70		

Appendix 2

	2010	2009	Change
Arrests	9	23	Reduction of 14
Victims			
Total Number	456	408	Increase of 48
Breakdown			
Wristband	235		
Anti Social Behaviour	173		
Handed over to the Police	24		
Drugs	4		
Unofficial Trading	12		
Health & Safety Issues	4		
Detained and allowed to return	14		
Medical			
Treated	1637	1490	Increase of 147
Admitted to Hospital	21	17	Increase of 4
Register of Refusals	Challenged 6016 Refused 1128	Challenged 4605 Refused 1127	
Transport Figures			
Shuttle Bus/Coach	25895 persons	29672 persons	
Weekend Cars	13,000		
Drop offs	6,000		
Day Cars	2,500		