



Report of the Head of Licensing and Registration

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date: 14th February 2012

Subject: Notification of the Receipt of the first draft Event Management Plan for the Leeds Festival Event to be held at Bramham Park between Friday 24 August and Sunday 26 August 2012

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Wetherby and Harewood	
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

- 1.0 The Leeds Festival is an annual event held within the grounds of Bramham Park on August Bank Holiday Weekend, held under the authorisation of a premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.0 This report provides Members with a summary of changes to be made to the 2012 event.

Recommendations

- 3.0 Members are requested to note the summary of changes to the 2012 event and to note that a further report will be brought back before the Licensing Committee in July or August 2012 to inform Members of the final arrangements and agency comments.

1.0 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of the arrangements for the 2012 Leeds Festival to be held at Bramham Park between the 24th and 26th August 2012.
- 1.2 To assist Members and the Responsible Authorities, the promoter, Mr Melvin Benn of Festival Republic Limited has provided a schedule of changes to be made to the 2012 event. A copy of the same may be found at Appendix A of this report.
- 1.3 Mr. Benn will be in attendance at the meeting to present the schedule and to provide further information as required.

2.0 History of Premises

- 2.1 The premises licence for the Leeds Festival was considered and approved by the members of the Licensing Committee on the 28 April 2006.
- 2.2 The licence is held for Bramham Park and allows the Festival to take place every August Bank Holiday.
- 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 amended 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 A variation application to increase the capacity of the site from 69,999 to 89,999, to be gradually implemented at an additional 5,000 capacity each year was made in December 2010. The application received no representations from Responsible Authorities or Interested Parties and was deemed granted on the 10 January 2011.
- 2.6 The variation was reported to Members at the Licensing Committee meeting on the 15 February 2011 where it was confirmed that the 5,000 a year increase would be agreed with the responsible authorities on an annual basis and become part of the Event Management Plan, which in turn would be considered by the Licensing Committee prior to the start of the event. Members agreed to note the report.
- 2.7 Members considered the final Event Management Plan for the 2011 Festival at their meeting on the 16 August 2011 and resolved that delegated authority be

given to the Head of Licensing and registration to approve the Event Management Plan and for any minor amendments prior to the start of the event.

2.8 The 2011 Festival was authorized with a capacity limit of 74,999 persons, although the Festival did not reach full capacity over the duration of the weekend.

2.9 On the 15 November 2011 members of the Licensing Committee received a de-brief report on the Festival and resolved to note the report.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The draft Event Management Plan for the 2012 Event was received by the Licensing Authority and Responsible Authorities on the 26 January 2012. As in previous years a summary of changes from the 2011 event was circulated to members of the Licensing Committee and ward members of the constituencies surrounding the event site.

3.2 Members attention is drawn to the capacity of the site, proposed at 79,999 this being 10,000 increase since 2010. Whilst the additional 5,000 capacity in 2011 was not actually tested, consultation with the responsible authorities suggests that there would be no objection to the proposed capacity provided that the site facilities and supporting infrastructures were adequate to support this.

3.3 The first multi agency meeting will be held on the 1 March 2012 and continue on a bi-monthly basis until the event.

4.0 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The application for a premises licence considered in 2006 underwent the full 28 day consultation process including a newspaper advertisement and public notices displayed around the site for the required 28 days notice period and full liaison with both the Ward Members and responsible authorities. Mr. Benn continues to consult with community representatives through the Parish Councils and local residents on all aspects of the impact of the event.

4.2 Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 At the time of writing this report there were no implications for equality and diversity. Any decision taken by the Licensing Committee will be in accordance with the four licensing objectives as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The application was granted in 2006 with regard to the Council's Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy, and the event will operate in accordance with the licensing objectives as set out in the current Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 – 2013.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 There are no resource implications to the licensing authority. The premises licence is subject to an annual maintenance fee as prescribed under the Licensing Act 2003.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications known to the Council.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Preparation for the event is subject to a number of multi-agency meetings.
- 4.6.2 Any matters arising during the planning of the 2012 event having an implication on the premises licence and objectives of the Licensing Act will be brought back before the Licensing Committee.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 This report presents the summary of changes to the Leeds Festival 2012 Event Management Plan in accordance with the Promoter's plans to identify and carry out improvements to the event year on year and to accommodate the increase of capacity to the site.

6.0 Recommendations

- 5.2 Members are requested to note the summary of changes to the 2012 event and to note that a further report will be brought back before the Licensing Committee in July or August 2012 to inform Members of the final arrangements and agency comments.

7.0 Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix A is the summary of changes from the 2011 Event Management Plan to the 2012 Event Management Plan

8.0 Background Papers

- Guidance issued under s182 Licensing Act 2003
- Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 - 2013