

Report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to Licensing Committee

Date: 3rd December 2019

**Subject: Premises Licence – Licensing Act 2003
Leeds Festival 2019**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	☒ Yes	☐ No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Wetherby and Harewood		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	☒ Yes	☐ No
Refer to Para 1.3		
Exemption under Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4(3) and 10.4(7)		

1. Main Issues

The Leeds Festival (the Festival) is an annual event held over the August Bank Holiday weekend within the grounds of Bramham Park. The Festival is held under the authorisation of a premises licence issued by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003.

2. Best Council Plan Implications

The licensing regime contributes to Best City Priorities 2019/20:-

- Culture
- Safe, Strong Communities
- Inclusive Growth

3. Resource implications

No resource implications for the licensing authority are identified.

Recommendations

Members of the Licensing Committee are requested to receive feedback from the licence holder together with details of the action log following the 2019 Festival.

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 This report is to provide Members with details of the action log following the 2019 Festival.
- 1.2 Mr Melvin Benn of Festival Republic will be in attendance at the meeting, together with a representative of the Safety Advisory Group.
- 1.3 Members may consider it appropriate for the public to be excluded from the meeting to allow attendees to provide Members with confidential information associated with the Festival which falls under the Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4(3) as this includes information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person; and 10.4 (7), information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime as in all the circumstances of the matter the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. Background Information

- 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 granted to Festival Republic Ltd., is held for Bramham Park and allows the festival to take place each 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 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 Members were presented with reports on the 2019 Festival arrangements at meetings of the Licensing Committee on the 2nd April 2019 and again on the 13th August 2019, when the Members resolved to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer, Elections & Regulatory, to approve the final Event Management Plan.

- 2.6 Members of the Licensing Committee undertook a tour of the site on the 21st August 2019 in the company of the festival organiser, Mr Melvin Benn. On the same occasion the final Event Management Plan was approved by the Chief Officer.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Multi agency meetings via the Safety Advisory Group were convened on a regular basis on the lead up to the Festival, including a table exercise.
- 3.2 On-site multi agency meetings continued throughout the period of the event.
- 3.3 All agency comments following the Festival have been collated by the Safety Advisory Group, which appear in the form of an action log and will inform the 2020 Festival planning.
- 3.4 A post event meeting also took place with the local Councillors for Wetherby and Harewood.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The application for the premises licence in 2006 was subject to the statutory consultation process as prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4.1.2 Multi agency liaison is facilitated through Leeds City Council's Safety Advisory Group.
- 4.1.3 Festival Republic continue to maintain regular liaison with community representatives.

4.2 Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 There are no identified 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 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003).

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Through the promotion of the four statutory licensing objectives:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm, and
 - Public Safety.

the Statement of Licensing Policy 2019-2023, and partnership working the licensing regime contributes to the Best City Priorities 2019/20:-

Culture

- Enhancing the image of Leeds through major events and attractions
- Ensuring that culture can be created and experienced by anyone

Safe, Strong Communities

- Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour
- Promoting community respect and resilience

Inclusive Growth

- Supporting growth and investment, helping everyone benefit from the economy to their full potential
- Supporting business and residents to improve skills, helping people into work and into better jobs

4.4 Resources, Procurement 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 identified at the time of writing this report.
- 4.5.2 There is no provision for the premises licence to be open for consideration at this point of time given that the licence and subsequent revisions to the terms of the licence have been previously approved.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 The Event Management Plan and all aspects of the event are taken through the Safety Advisory Group process.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The action log following the 2019 Festival will be relied on to inform the 2020 Event Management Plan.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members of the Licensing Committee are requested to receive feedback from the licence holder, together with details of the action log following the 2019 Festival.

7.0 Background Papers

Safety Advisory Group Action Log (Exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule number 10.4 (7))
Leeds City Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 to 2023 – Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence (public register copy)¹

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.