Agenda Item 4



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Committee Report

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Report of:	Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing
Date:	5 th July 2012
Subject:	Licensing Act 2003 Police objection in relation to a Temporary Event Notice
Author of Report:	Claire Bower – 203 7751
Summary:	To consider a notice of objection submitted by South Yorkshire Police relating to a temporary event notice
Recommendations:	That members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps, as the Committee consider necessary for the promotion of the crime prevention objective.
Background Papers:	Attached documents
Category of Report:	OPEN

REPORT OF THE ACTING HEAD OF LICENSING TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

LICENSING ACT 2003

Hearing to consider a notice of objection to a Temporary Event Notice

The Plaza, 68a Spital Hill Sheffield, S4 7LG

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider a notice of objection submitted by South Yorkshire Police relating to a temporary event notice for the premises known as The Plaza, 68a Spital Hill Sheffield, S4 7LG.

2.0 THE TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE

- 2.1 The proposed premises user is Mrs Tinas Teklebrhan.
- 2.2 The temporary event notice, which was received on 21 June 2012, is attached to this report labelled Appendix 'A'.
- 2.3 The event is on 7 July 2012 from 15:00 until 23:00 hours.
- 2.4 The nature of the event is described in the notice as "A Friends Party".
- 2.5 The licensable activities intended to be carried on at the premises are:
 - Regulated entertainment recorded cultural music

3.0 REASONS FOR REFERRAL

- 3.1 A notice was submitted by South Yorkshire Police on 26 June 2012, objecting to the temporary event notice on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.
- 3.2 The notice of objection is attached at Appendix 'B'.
- 3.3 The applicant and the objecting officers from 3.1 have been invited to attend the hearing. Copies of the front page of the notices are attached to this report labelled Appendix 'C'.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this application. However, additional costs may be incurred should the matter go to appeal. In such an eventuality it may not be possible to recover all these costs. The impact of these additional costs (if any) will be kept under review and may be subject of a further report during the year.

5.0 THE LEGAL POSITION

5.1 Section 104 (2) of the Licensing Act states:

"Where a relevant person who is given a temporary event notice is satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine a licensing objective, the relevant person must give a notice stating the reasons for being so satisfied (an "objection notice") -

- (a) to the relevant licensing authority,
- (b) to the premises user, and
- (c) to every other relevant person.".
- 5.2 Section 105 (2) states:

"The relevant licensing authority must –

- (a) hold a hearing to consider the objection notice, unless the premises user, the relevant person who gave the objection notice and the authority agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
- (b) having regard to the objection notice, give the premises user and each other relevant person a counter notice under this section if it considers it necessary for the promotion of a licensing objective to do so."
- 5.3 Section 106A (2) states:

"The relevant licensing authority may impose one or more conditions on the standard temporary event notice if –

- (a) the authority considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so,
- (b) the conditions are also imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate that has effect in respect of the same premises, or any part of the same premises, as the temporary event notice, and
- (c) the conditions would not be inconsistent with the carrying out of the licensable activities under the temporary event notice.

6.0 HEARINGS REGULATIONS

- 6.1 Regulations governing hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 have been made by the Secretary of State.
- 6.2 The Licensing Authority has provided all parties with the information required in the Regulations to the 2003 Act as set out at Appendix 'D'.
- 6.3 Attached at Appendix 'D' is the following: -

- a) a copy of the Notice of Hearing;
- b) the rights of a party provided in Regulations 15 and 16;
- c) the consequences if a party does not attend or is not represented at the hearing
- d) the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

7.0 APPEALS

7.1 The Licensing Act 2003 section 181 and Schedule 5 makes provision for appeals to be made by the premises user and every other relevant person against decisions of the Licensing Authority, to the Magistrates' Court.

8.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps, as the Committee consider necessary for the promotion of the crime prevention objective.

9.0 OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

- 9.1 To acknowledge the temporary event notice, allowing the event to go ahead on the proposed date in the terms requested.
- 9.2 To acknowledge the temporary event notice, allowing the event to go ahead on the proposed date in the terms requested with the addition of a statement of conditions.
- 9.3 To give the premises user a counter notice if it considers it necessary for the promotion of a licensing objective.

Stephen Lonnia Chief Licensing Officer Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C, Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD

26 June 2012

Appendix 'A'

			Temporary Event Notice
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Appendix 'B'

-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy.Adams@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
[mailto:Lucy.Adams@southyorks.pnn.police.uk] On Behalf Of Sheffield.Liquor-Licensing@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
Sent: 26 June 2012 09:32
To: Licensing(General)
Cc: Benita.Mumby@southyorks.pnn.police.uk;
Elizabeth.Payne@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
Subject: Objection-68a Spital Hill

Sent on behalf of Sheffield Licensing, South Yorkshire Police

Licensing General Block C Staniforth Road Depot 609 Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3GZ

Date: 26.6.12

Licensing Act 2003

Objection to temporary event notice Saturday 7th July 2012

68a Spital Hill, Sheffield S4 7LG

On behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, an objection is being made in relation to the above application.

The grounds of objection are based on the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. We have concerns that events of a similar nature have previously resulted in serious violent disorder. The premises have previously been unable to control events and have not suggested any improvement on security measures for the proposed event on the 7th July 2012.

In order for the objection to be withdrawn, the matters outlined must be addresses to our satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police

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"This emailed representation is made in accordance with the agreement with the Licensing Authority on 1st November 2006 to accept representations by email".

Sheffield Licensing Section 1st Floor, Attercliffe Police Station 60 Attercliffe Common Sheffield S9 2AD Licensing Team

Appendix 'C'

LICENSING ACT 2003 Section 105(2)



Notice of hearing in respect of a Police objection

Mrs Tinas Teklebrhan 163 Callow Drive Sheffield S14 1PP

The Sheffield City Council, being the licensing authority, on the 26 June 2012 received an objection notice from South Yorkshire Police in relation to the temporary event notice given by Mrs Tinas Teklebrhan for an event to take place on 7 July 2012 from 15:00 to 23:00 hours at **The Plaza**.

The Police objection notice is attached.

The Council now GIVES YOU NOTICE that this matter will be considered at a hearing to be held in a meeting room at Sheffield City Council, The Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH, on the **5 July 2012**, at **10am**; following which the Council will make a decision.

The particular points on which the Council considers that it will want clarification at the hearing from a party are as follows:

- 1) Your response to the objection notice submitted by South Yorkshire Police, upon which you may ask and be asked questions by the parties to the hearing.
- 2) You may also be asked questions by the parties to the hearing, relating to your intended events.

You should complete form LAR1 and return it to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD, within one (1) working day before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

Dated 26 June 2012

Signed_

The officer appointed for this purpose Licensing Officer

Please address any communications to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council, Block C Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD.



Notice of hearing in respect of a Police objection

Police Licensing Section 1st Floor, Attercliffe Police Station 60 Attercliffe Common Sheffield S9 2AD

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Dated 26 June 2012

Signed

The officer appointed for this purpose Licensing Officer

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Appendix 'D'

LICENSING ACT 2003 Section 105(2)



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The Sheffield City Council, being the licensing authority, on the 26 June 2012 received an objection notice from South Yorkshire Police in relation to the temporary event notice given by Mrs Tinas Teklebrhan for an event to take place on 7 July 2012 from 15:00 to 23:00 hours at **The Plaza**.

The Police objection notice is attached.

The Council now GIVES YOU NOTICE that this matter will be considered at a hearing to be held in a meeting room at Sheffield City Council, The Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH, on the **5 July 2012**, at **10am**; following which the Council will make a decision.

The particular points on which the Council considers that it will want clarification at the hearing from a party are as follows:

- 5) Your response to the objection notice submitted by South Yorkshire Police, upon which you may ask and be asked questions by the parties to the hearing.
- 6) You may also be asked questions by the parties to the hearing, relating to your intended events.

You should complete form LAR1 and return it to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD, within one (1) working day before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

Dated 26 June 2012

Signed

The officer appointed for this purpose Licensing Officer

Please address any communications to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council, Block C Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD.

NOTES

Right of attendance, assistance and representation

15. Subject to regulations 14(2) and 25, a party may attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

Representations and supporting information

- 16. At the hearing a party shall be entitled to
 - (a) in response to a point upon which the authority has given notice to a party that it will want clarification under regulation 7(1)(d), give further information in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable),
 - (b) if given permission by the authority, question any other party; and
 - (c) address the authority

Failure of parties to attend the hearing

- 20. (1) If a party has informed the authority that he does not intend to attend or be represented at a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.
 - (2) If a party who has not so indicated fails to attend or be represented at a hearing the authority may:-
 - (a) where it considers it to be necessary in the public interest, adjourn the hearing to a specified date, or
 - (b) hold the hearing in the party's absence.
 - (3) Where the authority holds the hearing in the absence of a party, the authority shall consider at the hearing the application, representations or notice made by that party.
 - (4) Where the authority adjourns the hearing to a specified date it must forthwith notify the parties of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned.

Procedure at hearing

- 21. Subject to the provisions of the Regulations, the authority shall determine the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 22. At the beginning of the hearing, the authority shall explain to the parties the procedure which it proposes to follow at the hearing and shall consider any request made by a party under regulation 8(2) for permission for another person to appear at the hearing, such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 23. A hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority and cross-examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considers that cross-examination is required for it to consider the representations, application or notice as the case may require.
- 24. The authority must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights provided for at regulation 16.
- 25. The authority may require any person attending the hearing who in their opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may
 - (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or
 - (b) permit him to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but such a person may, before the end of the hearing, submit to the authority in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

Form LAR 1 Regulation 8 Premises: **The Plaza** Type of App: **Temporary Event Notice** Hearing Date: **5 July 2012**

Notice of actions following receipt of notice of hearing

- To Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD
- Mrs Tinas Teklebrhan
- Of Mrs Tinas Teklebrhan 163 Callow Drive Sheffield S14 1PP

hereby confirm that I have received the Notice of Hearing dated **26 June 2012** and notify you as follows (please complete):

- [] I intend to attend the hearing
- [] I do not intend to attend the hearing
- [] I intend to be represented at the hearing by:
- [] I do not intend to be represented at the hearing by:.....
- [] I consider the hearing to be unnecessary because:

.....

[] I request thatshould appear at the hearing and set out below the point or points on which this person may be able to assist the authority in relation to this application, representations or notice of the party making the request.

Dated: Signed.....

Please complete this form and return it to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD.

Please see Regulation 8 overleaf

Regulation 8

- (1) A party shall give to the authority within the period of time provided for in the following provisions of this regulation a notice stating
 - (a) whether he intends to attend or be represented at the hearing;
 - (b) whether he considers a hearing to be unnecessary
- (2) In a case where a party wishes any other person (other than the person he intends to represent him at the hearing) to appear at the hearing, the notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain a request for permission for such other person to appear at the hearing accompanied by details of the name of that person and a brief description of the point or points on which that person may be able to assist the authority in relation to the application, representations or notice of the party making the request.
- (3) In the case of a hearing under
 - (a) section 48(3)(a) (cancellation of interim authority notice following police objection), or
 - (b) section 105(2)(a) (counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice),

the party shall give the notice no later than one working day before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

- (4) In the case of a hearing under -
 - (a) section 167(5)(a) (review of premises licence following closure order),
 - (b) paragraph 4(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application for conversion of existing licence), paragraph 16(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application for conversion of existing club certificate)
 - (c) paragraph 26(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application by holder of justices' licence for grant of personal licence),

the party shall give the notice no later than two working days before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

(5) In any other case, the party shall give the notice no later than five working days before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

This procedure has been drawn up in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 to assist those parties attending Licensing Committee hearings.

- 1. The hearing before the Council is Quasi Judicial.
- 2. The Chair of the Licensing Committee will introduce the Committee and ask officers to introduce themselves.
- 3. The Chair will ask the applicants to formally introduce themselves.
- 4. The Solicitor to the Committee will outline the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 5. Hearing Procedure:-
 - (a) The Licensing Officer will introduce the report.
 - (b) Questions concerning the report can be asked both by Members and the applicant.
 - (c) The Licensing Officer will introduce in turn representatives for the Responsible Authority and Interested Parties who will be asked to detail their relevant representations.
 - (d) Members may ask questions of those parties
 - (e) With the leave of the Chair the applicant or his representative may cross examine the representatives of the Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties.
 - (f) The applicant/licensee (or his/her nominated representative) will then be asked to:-
 - (i) detail the application;
 - (ii) provide clarification on the application and respond to the representations made.
 - (g) The applicant/licensee (or his/her nominated representative) may then be asked questions by members and with the leave of the Chair from the other parties present.
 - (h) The applicant will then be given the opportunity to sum up the application.
 - (i) The Licensing Officer will then detail the options.
 - (j) There will then be a private session for members to take legal advice and consider the application.
- 6. The decision of the Licensing Committee will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made there under.

NB: 1) At any time in the Licensing Process Members of the Committee may request legal advice from the Solicitor to the Committee. This advice may be given in open session or in private.

2) The Committee Hearing will be held in public unless and in accordance with the Regulations the Committee determine that the public should be excluded.

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