

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regulatory Sub-Committee</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2016</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF 'THE CROWN &amp; SCEPTRE, 7 SHERFORD STREET, BROMYARD. HR7 4DL' – LICENSING ACT 2003</b>
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## **Classification**

Open

## **Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards Affected**

Bromyard Bringsty

## **Purpose**

To consider an application for a new premises licence in respect of the 'Crown & Sceptre, 7 Sherford Street, Bromyard, HR7 4DL'.

## **Recommendation**

**That:**

**The Sub-Committee determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:**

- The steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives,
- The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,
- The Guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and
- The Herefordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2015 - 2020.

## **Options**

1. There are a number of options open to the Sub-Committee:

- a) Grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
- c) Grant the licence subject to modified conditions to that of the operating schedule where the committee considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and add mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
- d) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates,
- e) To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premise supervisor, or
- f) To reject the application.

## Reasons for Recommendations

- 2. Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003.

## Key Considerations

### 3. Licence Application

The application (appendix a) for a new premises licence has received representation and is brought before the committee for determination.

### Summary of Application

- 4. The details of the application are:

Applicant	<b>Ludovic Weekers</b> <b>Ravenscroft, Tenbury Road, Clows Top, Kidderminster, DY14 9HF</b>	
Solicitor	Lanyon Bowdler	
Type of application: <b>New</b>	Date received: <b>8<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	28 Days consultation ended <b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>

- 5 The application requests that:  
 Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance, Anything of a similar nature to live/recorded music or performance of dance, (all indoors)
  - 1100 – 2300 Monday to Wednesday
  - 1100 – 0100 Thursday to Sunday  
 Late Night Refreshment (Indoors)
  - 2300 – 0000 Thursday to Sunday  
 Supply of Alcohol (Both on and off premises)
  - 1100 – 2300 Monday to Wednesday

Non Standard Timings: A further additional hour every Christmas Eve and Boxing. From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve until the start of permitted hours on New Years Day.

### **Previous Licence**

5. The premises was previously licensed and that licence was surrendered in February 2016.
6. In brief, the licence contained the following licensable activities during the times shown:

Live & Recorded Music and Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Monday-Wednesday: 11:00 – 23:00

Thursday- Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00

Sunday: 12:00 – 22:30

### **Summary of Representations**

7. **Three (3)** Representations has been received from the Responsible Authorities (Trading Standards, the Police, the Licensing Authority and Environmental Health) – these have been agreed (appendix b, c, d and e).
8. **Two (2)** Representation has been received from members of the public which have not been withdrawn (appendix f & g). There was one (1) further public representation which was rejected as no evidence was provided
9. The matter is therefore brought before Committee for determination.

### **Community Impact**

10. Any decision is unlikely to have any impact on the local community.

### **Equality duty**

11. There are no equality or human rights issues in relation to the content of this report.

### **Financial implications**

12. There are unlikely to be any financial implications for the authority at this time.

### **Legal Implications**

13. The Committee should be aware of a number of stated cases which have appeared before the Administrative Court and are binding on the Licensing Authority.

The case of Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court (Case No: CO/5533/2006) at the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division Administrative Court on 6 May 2008, [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin), 2008 WL 1968943, Before the Honourable Mrs Justice Black.

In this case it was summed up that: -

A licensing authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State

under section 182. Licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so but will need to give full reasons for their actions.

Furthermore the Thwaites case established that only conditions should be attached to a licence with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives and that 'real evidence' must be presented to support the reason for imposing these conditions.

This judgement is further supported in the case of *The Queen on the Application of Bristol Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court*, CO/6920/2008 High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division The Administrative Court, 24 February 2009, [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin) 2009 WL 648859 in which it was said:

'Licensing authorities should only impose conditions which are necessary and proportionate for the promotion for licensing objectives'.

In addition to this it was stated that any condition attached to the licence should be an enforceable condition.

## Right of Appeal

14. Schedule 5 gives a right of appeal which states:

*Decision to grant premises licence or impose conditions etc.*

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies where a licensing authority grants a premises licence under section 18.
- (2) The holder of the licence may appeal against any decision—
  - (a) to impose conditions on the licence under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(b) of that section, or
  - (b) to take any step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section (exclusion of licensable activity or refusal to specify person as premises supervisor).
- (3) Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend—
  - (a) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
  - (b) that, on granting the licence, the licensing authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions, or to have taken a step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section,he may appeal against the decision.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) "relevant representations" has the meaning given in section 18(6).

## Risk Management

15. There is little risk associated with the decision at this time as the legislation allows a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

## Consultees

16. All responsible authorities and members of the public living within Herefordshire.

## **Appendices**

- a. Application Form
- b. Trading Standards Representation
- c. Police Representation
- d. Local Authority Representation
- e. Environmental Health
- f. Public Representation
- g. Public Representation

## **Background Papers**

None.