

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

30 AUGUST 2016

PRESENT – Councillor Nutt (in the Chair); Councillors L Haszeldine, CLB Hughes, B. Jones, Kane, Lee, Newall and Stenson. (8)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Jones and Lawton (2)

OFFICERS – David Burrell, Private Sector Housing and Licensing Manager; Julie Richings, Principal Licensing Officer; Amy Wennington, Lawyer; and Allison Hill, Democratic Officer.

L6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

L7. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 31 May 2016.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

L8. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 31 May 2016.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

L9. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – The Assistant Director of Law and Governance and Proper Officer for the Registration Service submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application received from Darlington Borough Council for a renewal of its licence to be approved as a venue for Marriages and Civil Partnerships in accordance with the provisions of the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994) and the Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013.

The submitted report gave a summary of the Council Chamber premises as an approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity; and the standard conditions to be applied by the Local Authority in accordance with those Regulations and a copy of the application were appended to the submitted report. The application to renew the licence has no change to the designation of areas or levels for occupancy and no objections had been received.

RESOLVED – That approval be granted for The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington as an approved venue for the solemnisation of Marriages and Civil Partnerships in respect of the venue subject to the standard licence conditions and that the maximum number of persons permitted to occupy ceremony rooms on the occasion of Civil Marriages or Civil Partnerships should be as outlined in accordance with the Fire Officer's recommendations.

L10. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - The Assistant Director of Law and Governance and Proper Officer for the Registration Service submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application received from Darlington Borough Council for a renewal of its licence to be approved as a venue for Marriages and Civil Partnerships in accordance with the provisions of the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994) and the Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013.

The submitted report gave a summary of the Head of Steam premises as an approved venue and its usage; the designated rooms and maximum capacity; and the standard conditions to be applied by the Local Authority in accordance with those Regulations and a copy of the application were appended to the submitted report. The application to renew the licence has no change to the designation of areas or levels for occupancy and no objections had been received.

RESOLVED – That approval be granted for The Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum, North Road, Darlington as an approved venue for the solemnisation of Marriages and Civil Partnerships in respect of the venue subject to the standard licence conditions and that the maximum number of persons permitted to occupy ceremony rooms on the occasion of Civil Marriages or Civil Partnerships should be as outlined in accordance with the Fire Officer's recommendations.