

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**25 OCTOBER 2016**

**PRESENT** – Councillor Nutt (in the Chair); Councillors L Haszeldine, CLB Hughes, Kane, Lawton and Lee. (6)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors B Jones, Mrs. Jones, Newall and Stenson. (4)

**OFFICERS** – Julie Richings, Principal Licensing Officer; Brian Murray, Licensing Officer; Amy Wennington, Lawyer; and Allison Hill, Democratic Officer.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – PCSO M. McAllister, Durham Constabulary.

**L11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**L12. MINUTES** – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 August 2016.

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

**L13. MINUTES** – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 30 August 2016.

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

**L14. VARIATION OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – ROCKLIFFE HALL HOTEL** – The Assistant Director of Law and Governance and Proper Officer for the Registration Service submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a request received from Rockliffe Hall Hotel to make a variation to 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), the Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013.

The submitted report gave a summary of Rockliffe Hall Hotel as an approved venue; the current designated room being the Orangery approved to conduct weddings; and the request to increase the occupancy of the Orangery from a maximum of 120 guests to 150 persons to meeting the needs its customers.

The submitted report also advised that the Hotel had indicated that in 2017 they will be looking to build a garden structure such as a pavilion or bandstand to allow for outside weddings to take place and that the Hotel had been advised that a report to this Committee to vary its licence will be required to accommodate this additional place before weddings can take place.

**RESOLVED** – That the variation to the licence for Rockcliffe Hall Hotel to increase the maximum number of persons allowed to attend a wedding in the Orangery to 150 persons be granted.

**L15. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – WALWORTH CASTLE HOTEL** - 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 Walworth Castle Hotel 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 Walworth Castle Hotel as an approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity; and a copy of the application was appended to the submitted report.

The submitted report advised that the Hotel had indicated that in 2017 they will be looking to build a garden structure such as a pavilion or bandstand to allow for outside weddings to take place and that the Hotel had been advised that a report to this Committee to vary its licence will be required to accommodate this additional place before weddings can take place.

**RESOLVED** – That approval be granted for Walworth Castle Hotel 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 previous licensing conditions.

**L16. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – BLACKWELL GRANGE HOTEL** - 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 Blackwell Grange Hotel 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 Blackwell Grange Hotel as an approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity; and a copy of the application was appended to the submitted report.

**RESOLVED** – That approval be granted for Blackwell Grange Hotel 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 previous licensing conditions.

**L17. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – HALL GARTH GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL** - 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 Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel 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 Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel as an approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity; and a copy of the application was appended to the submitted report.

The submitted report also advised Members that the as part of investment in the Hotel the Conservatory had significantly increased in size and the Hotel had requested an increase in the maximum capacity of guests in that room from 30 to 50 people.

**RESOLVED** – That approval be granted for Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel 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 previous licensing conditions.