



**DARLINGTON**

Borough Council

# General Licensing Committee Agenda

9.30 am

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.**

1. Introductions/Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 September 2022 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. To approve the Minutes of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub Committee held on 6 September and 18 October 2022 (Pages 7 - 12)
5. Applications for Renewal of Licences for Premises to be approved as a venue for Marriages and Civil Partnerships
  - (a) Walworth Castle Hotel, Walworth, Darlington –  
Report of the Assistant Director, Law and Governance and Proper Officer for the Darlington Registration District  
(Pages 13 - 16)
  - (b) Hallgarth Golf and Country Club Hotel, Coatham Mundeville, Darlington –  
Report of the Assistant Director, Law and Governance and Proper Officer for the Darlington Registration District  
(Pages 17 - 20)

6. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting
7. Questions



**Luke Swinhoe**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Monday, 21 November 2022**

**Town Hall**  
**Darlington.**

**Membership**

Councillors Clarke, Crumbie, Donoghue, Haszeldine, C L B Hughes, B Jones, Lee, Newall, K Nicholson, Renton, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott and Snedker

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## GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

**PRESENT** – Councillors C L B Hughes (Chair), Lee, Renton, A J Scott and Snedker

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Clarke, Crumbie, Donoghue, B Jones, Newall and Mrs H Scott,

**ABSENT** – Councillors Haszeldine and K Nicholson

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Allison Hill (Democratic Officer), Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Brian Murray (Assistant Licensing Manager), Colin Dobson (Licensing Manager), Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary) and PC Newcombe (Durham Constabulary)

### **LG14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

### **LG15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JULY 2022**

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on 19 July 2022.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing committee held on 19 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### **LG16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JULY 2022**

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 19 July 2022.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 19 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### **LG17 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - BLACKWELL GRANGE HOTEL**

The Assistant Director, Law and Governance and Proper Officer for Darlington Registration District submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to the renewal of a licence for the Blackwell Grange Hotel to be approved as a venue for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships in accordance with the provisions of The Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994); the Civil Partnership Act (2004); the Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and 2021; and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act (2013).

The submitted report gave a summary of the Blackwell Grange Hotel as approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity for each room for civil marriage and civil

partnerships at the Blackwell Grange Hotel.

**RESOLVED** – That the licence for the Blackwell Grange Hotel as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for a further three years from 22 November 2022 and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place indoors at the premises and the maximum of numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships continue to be:

The George Allan Suite – 130

The Bruhenny Suite – 300

The Havelock Restaurant – 150

The Gazebo \* - 6

\*ie two registrars, the couple and two witnesses inside the gazebo. Guests outside on the garden is unlimited.

**LG18 INTERIM REVIEW OF POLICIES AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO HACKNEY CARRIAGES, PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND THEIR DRIVERS AND OPERATORS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**

The Group Director of Services submitted a report (previously circulated) for Members to give consideration to amendments to the Darlington Borough Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy 2021, following public consultation which was authorised by this General Licensing Committee on 6 June 2022.

The submitted report provided information on the existing policy which was approved by Full Council on 26 November 2020, and implemented on 1 January 2021.

It was highlighted that the non-statutory best practice guide produced in 2006 was in the process of being revised and consulted upon due to the many issues that had impacted the trade, however it was unlikely that this guidance would be formally implemented until 2023.

It was reported that the Department for Transport recommends that policies are reviewed every five years but that interim reviews should be considered where significant issues arise; and on 28 April 2022 a liaison meeting was held with representatives of the trade and Licensing where proposals were raised that would help the trade maintain their business through these difficult times.

The proposed changes relating to vehicle age restrictions; topographical knowledge test; and window tint were highlighted in full in the submitted report along with extracts of the current policy and relevant sections of the Best Practice Guidance document.

On 6 June 2022 the General Licensing Committee approved these changes to be published for public consultation which was carried out between 13 June and 17 July 2022 and details of this public consultation, including the responses from the various consultees were detailed in the submitted report.

Members discussed the proposed changes and in particular the need to encourage the trade to increase the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles; welcomed in particular the change to no age restriction of vehicles provided engines are compliant with Euro 6 standards by 1

April 2023; and if there were any safeguarding issues to allowing no tint restrictions on vehicles.

**RESOLVED** – That the proposal for amendments to the Policy be forwarded to Full Council for final approval.

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## GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

**PRESENT** – Councillors C L B Hughes, Lee, Newall, A J Scott and Snedker

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Mrs H Scott,

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Colin Dobson (Licensing Manager), Allison Hill (Democratic Officer), Brian Murray (Assistant Licensing Manager), Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary) and Pc Iain Robertson (Durham Constabulary)

### LGS9 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor C Hughes be elected Chair for the purpose of this meeting

### LGS10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

### LGS11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

**RESOLVED** – That, pursuant to Sections 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### LGS12 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AND REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 7)

The Group Director of Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a review of a Private Hire Driver and two new applications for grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

#### **Ref 06/22**

To give consideration to a review of a Private Hire Driver Licence in light of a new caution.

The driver attended the meeting and responded to Members questions in relation to the above, and to why they felt that they were a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

In reaching their decision, Members took into consideration the Council's Licensing Policy, which sets out the Council's stance on the Relevance of Convictions, Cautions and Endorseable Fixed Penalties in assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person; the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and Procedures; and Section 61(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

After careful consideration Members decided to allow the driver to retain their Licence as they were satisfied that they were regretful and that they had changed their behaviour and that there was no expectation that an incident of this nature would occur again, however a warning be issued about their future conduct.

**RESOLVED** – That the licence be retained and the driver be issued with a warning letter in respect of future conduct and warned that if any further convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands are received they would be referred immediately to the General Licensing Sub-Committee.

#### **Ref 07/22**

To give consideration to the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence in light of previous convictions.

The driver attended the meeting and responded to Members questions in relation to the above, and to why they felt that they were a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

In reaching their decision, Members took into consideration the Council's Licensing Policy, which sets out the Council's stance on the Relevance of Convictions, Cautions and Endorseable Fixed Penalties in assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person; the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and Procedures; and Section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that advises that the Council shall not grant a licence unless they are satisfied that an applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence.

After careful consideration Members agreed that they were satisfied that the driver was remorseful and that they had changed their behaviour and that the incidents had occurred over a short period, a considerable time ago during a particular tough spell in the driver's life. Members also noted that in accordance with the Licensing Policy, the driver had been conviction free for more than 10 years; and there was only one conviction of this nature.

**RESOLVED** – That the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.

#### **Ref 08/22**

To give consideration to the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence in light of previous convictions.

The driver attended the meeting and responded to Members questions in relation to the above, and to why they felt that they were a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

In reaching their decision, Members took into consideration the Council's Licensing Policy, which sets out the Council's stance on the Relevance of Convictions, Cautions and Endorseable Fixed Penalties in assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person; the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and Procedures; and Section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that advises that the



Council shall not grant a licence unless they are satisfied that an applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence.

After careful consideration Members decided to refuse the application in light of previous convictions for possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply and multiple drug-related offences within the last ten years; and therefore agreed that there was no reason to step outside of their policy and had general concerns about the drivers ongoing involvement with the Police.

**RESOLVED** – That the application for grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence be refused.

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**GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 18 October 2022

**PRESENT** – Councillors Donoghue, B Jones, Mrs H Scott and Snedker

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Renton

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Brian Murray (Assistant Licensing Manager), Charley Trueman (Licensing Support Officer) and Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

**LGS13 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor B Jones be elected Chair for the purpose of this meeting

**LGS14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

**LGS15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** – That, pursuant to Sections 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**LGS16 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE REVIEW (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 7)**

**Ref 09/22**

The Group Director of Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a review of a Private Hire Driver Licence in light of a new caution.

The driver did not attend and submitted his apologies to the Licensing Manager in advance of the meeting.

In reaching their decision, Members took into consideration the Council's Licensing Policy, which sets out the Council's stance on the Relevance of Convictions, Cautions and Endorseable Fixed Penalties in assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person; the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and Procedures; and Section 61(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

After careful consideration Members decided to revoke the Private Hire Driver Licence in light of his recent suspension and updated information provided by the Licensing Manager at the meeting regarding the drivers recent Court appearance and subsequent disqualification from driving as a result of drink driving; and in the interests of public safety.

**RESOLVED** - That licence be revoked in accordance with the provisions of Section 61(1)(b) of

the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

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29 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR  
MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

**WALWORTH CASTLE HOTEL, WALWORTH, DARLINGTON DL2 2LY**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the renewal of a licence for the Walworth Castle Hotel to be able to continue as an approved venue for civil marriage and civil partnerships in accordance with the provisions of:
  - (a) The Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994);
  - (b) The Civil Partnership Act (2004);
  - (c) The Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and 2021; and
  - (d) The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act (2013).

**Summary**

2. Since 1994 local authorities have been able to approve venues where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place as an alternative venue to a Register Office with most approved venues being hotels.
3. Walworth Castle Hotel has been licensed by the local authority since 1994 as an approved venue for civil marriages and civil partnerships and is also currently one of the more popular venues in Darlington for marriages and civil partnerships. It has an important role to play in the local economy in terms of employment and of attracting wedding couples and their guests to Darlington from a wide area with most couples being married at the Walworth Castle Hotel being located outside of Darlington.

The current licence for Walworth Castle Hotel is due to expire on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The hotel has indicated that they have future bookings for weddings and wish to continue as an approved venue for civil marriage and civil partnerships.

4. There have been no issues with Walworth Castle Hotel which would adversely affect their application to renew its licence. Renewal of the licence would provide the hotel with a licence for civil marriage and civil partnerships for a further three years from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Information

- Walworth Castle Hotel has the required fire risk assessments. There is no lift at Walworth Castle Hotel. The function suite (Cardinals Court) and the main indoor ceremony room (The ballroom) are on the ground floor and are both fully accessible. The hotel also has ground floor bedrooms should the couple being married or any guests require them. Outdoor weddings are very popular at Walworth Castle and the Pavilion which is the location for the outdoor ceremonies is fully accessible.

One of the rooms designated for ceremonies, the King James Suite is on the first floor and is not accessible to anyone who is unable to use the stairs. The King James Suite is not normally used or offered as a ceremony room but the restrictions would be explained to them at the time of booking if they chose this option as a location for their ceremony.

The registrars are required to meet with the couple being married before the ceremony starts to check legal paperwork and explain the ceremony to them. In the event that one of the registrars had access issues and was unable to meet with the bride in the upstairs room where she is changing then we would meet the bride in the hotel reception for the pre-ceremony checks and discussions.

Walworth Castle Hotel do make couples aware of potential restrictions with the absence of a lift when booking and planning the wedding.

- The premises are considered to be suitable for approval as a venue for marriage and civil partnerships, subject to the standard conditions and a limit on the number of people permitted to be present in the nominated rooms. The venue does not wish to change the capacities or designated areas where civil marriages or civil partnership can take place.

The Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 were amended in March 2022 to permit outdoor marriage and civil partnerships at a suitable location anywhere within the boundary of the licensed premise.

- The current locations and capacities for civil marriage and civil partnerships at the Walworth Castle Hotel are:

Venue: **Walworth Castle**

GRO Premise No: 001106

Current Licence Expires: 09.01.2023

Room	Maximum Capacity
Reception Lounge	40
Ballroom Lounge/Breakfast Room	40
Ballroom	100
Cardinals Court	120
Hansards Restaurant	80
King James Suite	80
Library Tower	10
Prince Bishops Room	45
Dungeon	50
Lady Palmer's Pavilion	6 (outside of the structure is unlimited)

## Financial Implications

8. Walworth Castle Hotel has been invoiced for £1750.00 being the fee for all venues seeking a grant or renewal of a licence for civil marriage or civil partnerships.

## Legal Implications

9. The current licence for the Walworth Castle Hotel expires on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The grant of a further licence is required to facilitate its current bookings for civil marriages and partnerships. The standard renewal licence is for three years from the date of expiry of the current licence. The licensing committee can issue a licence on a shorter timescale as a temporary measure should it wish and/or make specific conditions including where the ceremony can take place, how many can attend and improvements for accessibility.

## Conclusion

10. Members are asked to renew the licence for the Walworth Castle Hotel for a further three years from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Recommendations

11. It is recommended that the licence for the Walworth Castle Hotel as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for a further three years from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place indoors at the premises and the maximum of numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships continue to be:

Room	Maximum Capacity
Reception Lounge	40
Ballroom Lounge/Breakfast Room	40
Ballroom	100
Cardinals Court	120
Hansards Restaurant	80
King James Suite	80
Library Tower	10
Prince Bishops Room	45
Dungeon	50
Lady Palmer's Pavilion	6 (outside of the structure is unlimited)

\*ie. two registrars, the couple and two witnesses inside the gazebo.  
Guests Outside on the garden is unlimited.

**Reasons**

12. To facilitate the continuation of the Walworth Castle Hotel as a premise approved for civil marriages and civil partnerships.

**Luke Swinhoe, Assistant Director, Law and Governance and  
Proper Officer for Darlington Registration District**

Anthony Hall, Superintendent Registrar, Ext 6400



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29 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**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,  
COATHAM MUNDEVILLE, DARLINGTON DL1 3LU**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the renewal of a licence for the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel to be able to continue as an approved venue for civil marriage and civil partnerships in accordance with the provisions of:
  - (a) The Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994);
  - (b) The Civil Partnership Act (2004);
  - (c) The Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and 2021; and
  - (d) The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act (2013).

**Summary**

2. Since 1994 local authorities have been able to approve venues where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place as an alternative venue to a Register Office with most approved venues being hotels.
3. Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel has been licensed by the local authority since 1994 as an approved venue for civil marriages and civil partnerships and is also currently one of the more popular venues in Darlington for marriages and civil partnerships. It has an important role to play in the local economy in terms of employment and of attracting wedding couples and their guests to Darlington from a wide area with couples being married at the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel being from Darlington but also many being located outside of Darlington.

The current licence for Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel is due to expire on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The hotel has indicated that they have future bookings for weddings and wish to continue as an approved venue for civil marriage and civil partnerships.

4. There have been no issues with Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel which would adversely affect their application to renew its licence. Renewal of the licence would provide the hotel with a licence for civil marriage and civil partnerships for a further three years from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Information

5. Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel has the required fire risk assessments.
6. The premises are considered to be suitable for approval as a venue for marriage and civil partnerships, subject to the standard conditions and a limit on the number of people permitted to be present in the nominated rooms.

The Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 were amended in March 2022 to permit outdoor marriage and civil partnerships at a suitable location anywhere within the boundary of the licensed premise.

7. The current locations and capacities for civil marriage and civil partnerships at the Walworth Castle Hotel are:

Venue: **Hall Garth Golf & Country Club Hotel**

GRO Premise No: 001107

Current Licence Expires: 09.01.2023

Room	Maximum Capacity
<u>Summerson</u> Suite	220
<u>Brafferton</u> Suite (combined)	350
Residents Lounge	25
Stables Bar Conservatory	40
Restaurant	40
Conservatory	50
The Lounge	30
The Secret Garden Gazebo *	6

The Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel are currently undergoing a significant refurbishment which has changed the layout and capacities of some of the rooms designated and used for ceremonies.

The majority of ceremonies take place outdoors in the Secret Garden Gazebo or alternatively if indoors then in the Brafferton Suite. As part of the refurbishment of the hotel the Brafferton Suite has been divided into two rooms, one half being a smaller ceremony and function space (Brafferton Suite A) and the second half becoming a bar and lounge area for guests to meet before the ceremony (Brafferton Suite B).

The Summerson Suite is normally used for the post ceremony wedding breakfast/function although is occasionally used for larger indoor weddings.

Smaller weddings can take place in either the Conservatory, the Restaurant or the residents' lounge.

To reflect the changes to the hotel’s refurbishment plans the hotel are seeking to make the following changes to the areas and capacities designated for ceremonies.

All of the areas identified as locations for ceremonies are on the ground floor and are fully accessible. The Secret Garden Gazebo, the outdoor area designated for ceremonies is also fully accessible.

Room	Maximum Capacity
Summerson Suite	220 – no change
Brafferton Suite	350 – reduce capacity to 120
Residents Lounge	25 – no change
Stables Bar Conservatory	40 – no longer available for ceremonies
Restaurant	40 – no change
Conservatory	50 – no change
The Lounge	30 – no longer available for ceremonies
The Secret Garden Gazebo *	6 – no change

\*ie. two registrars, the couple and two witnesses inside the gazebo. Guests Outside on the garden is unlimited.

### Financial Implications

- Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel has been invoiced for £1750.00 being the fee for all venues seeking a grant or renewal of a licence for civil marriage or civil partnerships.

### Legal Implications

- The current licence for the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel expires on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The grant of a further licence is required to facilitate its current bookings for civil marriages and partnerships. The standard renewal licence is for three years from the date of expiry of the current licence. The licensing committee can issue a licence on a shorter timescale as a temporary measure should it wish and/or make specific conditions including where the ceremony can take place, how many can attend and improvements for accessibility.

### Conclusion

- Members are asked to renew the licence for the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel for a further three years from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Recommendations

11. It is recommended that the licence for the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club Hotel as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for a further three years from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place indoors at the premises and the maximum of numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships continue to be:

Room	Maximum Capacity
Summerson Suite	220
Brafferton Suite A	120
Residents Lounge	25
Restaurant	40
Conservatory	50
The Secret Garden Gazebo *	6

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## Reasons

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