

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 5 November 2024

PRESENT – Councillors Donoghue (The Mayor) and Kane (Chair), Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Dulston, Haszeldine, Lawley, Lee, Mahmud and K Nicholson

APOLOGIES – Councillor Ali

ABSENT – Councillors Curry, Ray and Robinson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Brian Murray (Assistant Licensing Manager), Colin Dobson (Licensing Manager), Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary), Sgt M Clarkson, Nicola White (Principal Solicitor) and Hannah Miller (Democratic Officer)

LG8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LG9 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 JULY 2024

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on 2 July 2024.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing committee held on 2 July 2024 be approved as a correct record.

LG10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON :-

(1) 13 AUGUST 2024

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 13 August 2024.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 13 August 2024 be approved as a correct record.

(2) 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2024.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

LG11 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - ROCKLIFFE HALL HOTEL, HURWORTH, DARLINGTON

The Assistant Director, Law and Governance and Proper Officer for Darlington Registration District submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration an application for the renewal of a licence for the Rockliffe Hall 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 Rockliffe Hall Hotel as an approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity for each room for civil marriage and civil partnerships.

RESOLVED – That the licence for the Rockliffe Hall Hotel, Hurworth, Darlington as an approved venue for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for a further three years from 24 November 2024 to 24 November 2027 and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place and the maximum of numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships continue to be:

Room	Maximum Capacity
In the Old Hall:	
The Morning Room	65
The Drawing Room	60
The Cocktail Lounge	60
The Orangery	150
The Boardroom	20
The Campernella	55
The Old Hall Hall	40
The Old Hall Foyer	80
In the New Hall:	
The Rockliffe Suite	170
The Rockliffe Lounge	100
The Bowes Suite	30
The Cotherstone Suite	10