

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

PRESENT – Councillors C L B Hughes (Chair), Clarke, Crumbie, Donoghue, B Jones, Lee, Newall, K Nicholson, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott and Snedker

APOLOGIES – Councillors Haszeldine and Renton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Colin Dobson (Licensing Manager), Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Allison Hill (Democratic Officer), Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Colin Dobson (Licensing Manager), Pc Iain Robertson (Durham Constabulary), Thomas Mann (Licensing Support Officer) and PC Newcombe (Durham Constabulary)

LG9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LG10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 JUNE 2022

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on 7 June 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing committee held on 7 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

LG11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 JUNE 2022

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 7 June 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 7 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

LG12 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - REDWORTH HALL HOTEL, REDWORTH

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 Redworth 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 Redworth Hall Hotel as approved venues; the designated rooms and maximum capacity for each room for civil marriage and civil partnerships.

Councillor Lee referred to historic concerns raised by residents in Redworth Village regarding noise and inappropriate language generated from those events in the hotel's Great Hall and requested that this Licensing Committee be advised on what steps the hotel are taking at events to mitigate the potential for noise disruption.

RESOLVED – That the licence for the Redworth Hall Hotel as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for a further three years from 31 July 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 Great Hall - 150

Kelvington Suite - 100

Prince Bishop Suite - 280

The Minstrels Gallery – 2-

The Restaurant - 100

The 1744 Room - 80

Cocktail Bar - 50

The Summerhouse (outside structure) * - 6

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

LG13 QUESTIONS

A Member asked a question regarding the current position on the introduction of an automated system for Taxi Licensing applications and payment.