

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

PRESENT – Councillors C L B Hughes (Chair), Clarke, Crumbie, B Jones, Lee, Newall and Snedker

APOLOGIES – Councillors Donoghue, Renton, A J Scott and Mrs H Scott,

ABSENT – Councillors Haszeldine and K Nicholson

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

LG19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LG20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on 6 September 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing committee held on 6 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

LG21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER AND 18 OCTOBER 2022

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 6 September and 18 October 2022

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 6 September and 18 October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

LG22 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - WALWORTH CASTLE HOTEL, WALWORTH, DARLINGTON

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 Walworth Castle Hotel, Walworth 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 Walworth Castle Hotel as approved venue; the

designated rooms and maximum capacity for each room for civil marriage and civil partnerships at the Walworth Castle Hotel.

RESOLVED – 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 January 2023 and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place indoors at the premises and the maximum numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships continue to be:

Reception Lounge - 40
Ballroom Lounge/Breakfast Room - 40
Ballroom - 100
Cardinals Court - 120
Hansard 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.

LG23 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE OF PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - HALLGARTH GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL, COATHAM MUNDEVILLE, DARLINGTON

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 Hallgarth Golf and Country Club Hotel, Coatham Mundeville 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 Hallgarth Golf and Country Club Hotel as approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity for each room for civil marriage and civil partnerships at the Hallgarth Golf and Country Club Hotel.

RESOLVED – That the licence for the Hallgarth Golf and Country Club Hotel as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for a further three years from 9 January 2023 and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place indoors at the premises and the maximum numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships continue to be:

Summerson Suite - 220
Brafferton Suite A - 120
Residents Lounge - 25

Restaurant- 40

Conservatory- 50

The Secret Garden Gazebo*- 6

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