

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27 February 2024

PRESENT – Councillors K Nicholson (Chair), Mrs Culley, Curry, Donoghue, Dulston, Haszeldine, Kane, Lawley, Mahmud and Ray.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Ali, Crumbie and Lee.

ABSENT – Councillor Robinson.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Anthony Hall (Superintendent Registrar), Brian Murray (Assistant Licensing Manager), PC Alan Newcombe (Durham Constabulary), Mark Walton (Licensing Enforcement Officer), Paul Dalton (Democratic and Elections Officer) and Olivia Hugill (Democratic Officer).

LG18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LG19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing committee held on 16 January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

LG20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 16 January 2024

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 16 January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

LG21 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - BANNATYNE HOTEL, SOUTHEND AVENUE, DARLINGTON

The Assistant Director, Law and Governance, and Proper Officer for Darlington Registration District submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration an application to the renewal of a licence for the Bannatyne 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 provided a summary of the Bannatyne 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 Bannatyne Hotel as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for three years from 6 April 2024 to 6 April 2027, 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:

Location	Maximum Capacity
Maxine's Restaurant & The Study Room	80
Wilbur Suite	150
The Library	20
The Gazebo	6 (see note c)

Notes:

- a) Maximum capacities do not include the couple being married, registrars, photographers/videographers and venue staff.
- b) Outdoor marriages/civil partnerships can take place at any location within the boundary of the venue.
- c) Where an outdoor structure has been approved for marriages/civil partnerships the maximum number of persons within the approved structure is the couple being married and their witnesses and excludes registrars, photographers/videographers and venue staff. The number of guests located outside of the structure is unlimited and does not form part of the maximum capacity of the structure.

REASON - To facilitate civil marriages and civil partnerships at The Bannatyne Hotel, Darlington.

LG22 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - THE TOWN HALL, DARLINGTON

The Assistant Director, Law and Governance, and Proper Officer for Darlington Registration District submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration an application to the renewal of a licence for the Town Hall 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 provided a summary of the Town Hall 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 Town Hall as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for three years from 6 April 2024 to 6 April 2027, 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:

Location	Maximum Capacity
The Oak Room	50
Council Chamber Foyer	12
The Council Chamber	50
Committee Room 2	40
Committee Room 3	20
Civic Reception	30

Notes to maximum capacities:

- (a) Maximum capacities do not include the couple being married, registrars, photographers/videographers.
- (b) The Council Chamber, Committee Rooms 2 and 3 and the Civic Reception area are to be licensed for emergency/business continuity purposes only and not intended for regular use for ceremonies.
- (c) Outdoor ceremonies are not available at the Town Hall, Darlington.

REASON – To facilitate civil marriages and civil partnerships at The Town Hall, Darlington.