

Report to:	Licensing Panel
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting :	1 August 2016

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – Lawton Hotel

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application for a Premises Licence in respect of the Lawton Hotel, 58-68 Charnley Road.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The panel is requested to consider the application and determine whether the granting of this licence would adversely impact on the licensing objectives.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Representations have been received therefore there must be a hearing to determine the application.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, once an application for a Premises Licence is submitted it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

4.0 Background Information

4.1 On 31 May 2016, the Licensing Service received an application from Darren Wilkinson and Malcolm James Daley for the grant of a Premises Licence for the Lawton Hotel, 58-68 Charnley Road.

4.2 The application requests a Premises Licence giving permission for live music and recorded music 11.00 – 00.00 in addition to late night refreshment 23.00 – 00.00 and the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises 11.00 – 01.00 Sunday-Thursday, 11.00 – 02.00 Friday -Saturday. A copy of the application is attached.

4.3 Representations have been received from members of the public. Copies of the representations are attached at Appendix 4b.

4.4 **Local policy considerations**

None

4.5 **National policy considerations**

9.42 – The authority’s decision should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

9.43 – Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. Whilst this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder as well as the potential benefit in terms of promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the licensing objectives and nothing outside those parameters.

4.6 **Observations**

The applicants currently hold a Premises Licence for the Lawton Hotel, 58-66 Charnley Road. The reason for the application is that the premises are to expand into number 68 Charnley Road. The current licence permits live music 20.00 – 00.00, recorded music 08.00 – 00.00 and the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises 11.00 – 00.00.

4.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

4.8 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 4a: Application

Appendix 4b: Representations from members of the public

5.0 Legal considerations:

5.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

6.0 Human Resources considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Equalities considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None