

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.30am, Friday, 17 February 2017

Public Entertainment Licence – Don't Let Daddy Know Dance Event, Royal Highland Centre 25-26 February 2017

Item number	6.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	Almond (Ward 1)

Executive Summary

The Council has received an application for a temporary Public Entertainment Licence for a dance event at the Royal Highland Centre.

This event is similar to events which took place in 2015 and 2016.

The Committee is asked to note the issues raised by the Police, NHS Lothian and EPOG regarding previous events, and the Committee is further asked to satisfy itself that the conditions proposed and the Events Planning and Operational Group ('EPOG') planning process are sufficient to ensure that this event is safe whereby any potential risks to the public are minimised.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 notes this report; and if satisfied that the event is safe;
 - 1.1.2 grants the licence, imposing conditions attached at Appendix 4.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to satisfy itself that the conditions proposed and the Licensing application process already undergone is sufficient to ensure that a proposed event at the Ingliston showground site is safe and any potential risks to the public are minimised.
- 2.2 Dance or rave events are excluded from the terms of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Societies Public Entertainment Licence as they are considered to present unique risks. Members will recall that a previous event was cancelled due to safety concerns.
- 2.3 The organiser of this event ran similar events in 2015 and 2016 which required significant Police presence and NHS resources to deal with the casualties presenting at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

3. Main report

- 3.1 An application for a temporary Public Entertainment Licence has been received from Warehouse Parties Ltd, for a dance event to be held at the Ingliston showground. The event is to run overnight from 25 to 26 February 2017, finishing at 3.00am.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to consider whether the licensing process and suggested conditions provide sufficient oversight to ensure public order and public safety at this event. In particular members' attention is drawn to the level of arrests and previous casualties at a previous event as outlined in the Police letter (Appendix 2)

and the NHS letter (Appendix 3). Licensing Enforcement has also requested conditions. A collated table of requested conditions is attached at Appendix 4.

- 3.3 Events Planning and Operational Group ('EPOG') meetings regarding this event were held on 8 December 2016 and 7 February 2017. Minutes from the 8 December 2016 and 7 February 2017 meetings are attached (Appendix 1).
- 3.4 An Occasional Liquor Licence has been applied for for one bar within the event.
- 3.5 No objections have been received from Police Scotland or Public Safety subject to suggested conditions being imposed (these are collated at Appendix 4).
- 3.6 The applicant (or a representative) has been invited to appear.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The event is licensed in a proportionate and effective manner.
- 4.2 The event is safe and presents no increased risks to persons attending.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 This is a temporary licence and there has been no public consultation. If the Committee refuses the application there is no right of appeal albeit a judicial review could take place.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 There is no equalities impact arising from the contents of this report.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There is no environmental impact arising from the contents of this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Officers of the Council have discussed the licensing requirement with the event organiser.
- 9.2 NHS and Police Scotland have been consulted.

10. Background reading/external references

None

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	N/A
Council Priorities	N/A
Single Outcome Agreement	N/A
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Minutes of EPOG meetings 8 December 2016 and 7 February 2017 Appendix 2 – responses to consultation Appendix 3 – Letter from NHS Lothian Appendix 4 – conditions requested Appendix 5 – application form