



**AGENDA ITEM: 8**

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

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**Report of: Director Of Leisure And Wellbeing**

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**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF  
CO-OP (FORMER ROPERS ARMS SITE), 52 WIGAN ROAD, ORMSKIRK, L39 2AU**

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Borough wide interest

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider an application under the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) for a Premises Licence in respect of Co-op (former Ropers Arms site), 52 Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Sub-Committee's instructions are requested.

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**3.0 PREMISES INFORMATION**

3.1 Address of Premises: Co-op (former Ropers Arms site)  
52 Wigan Road  
Ormskirk  
L39 2AU

3.2 Premises Licence Holder: Co-operative Group Food Limited  
1 Angel Square  
Manchester  
M60 0AG

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 This site previously held a premises licence for on and off sales, which was surrendered in July 2015. However, the applicant is not connected to the previous Premises Licence Holder and/or Designated Premises Supervisor.

## **5.0 THE APPLICATION**

- 5.1 On 26 October 2016 an application for a premises licence was received. However, there were errors with both the provision and content of the corresponding public notice. Initially, no notice was displayed on the premises, this was subsequently rectified but the replacement notice contained the incorrect date for representations. The application was finally accepted on 24 November 2016 when the premises notice was correctly displayed. A copy of the application is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 5.2 A location plan is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.
- 5.3 For Members' information, an application for planning permission is set to be considered by the Council's Planning Committee on 12 January 2016. Members will be advised verbally of the decision at the hearing.

## **6.0 RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS**

- 6.1 There have been two relevant representations received against the application from a member of the public and a Councillor on behalf of local residents. Copies are attached as Appendix 3. The representations raise concerns regarding noise and antisocial behaviour and are made under the Prevention of Public Nuisance Licensing Objective.

## **7.0 LICENSING POLICY AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 The Local Authority must have regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. In addition Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that a Licensing Authority must have regard to its Statement of Licensing Policy and to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Act.
- 7.2 As Members will be aware, the four licensing objectives are as follows:
- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
  - Public Safety
  - Prevention of Public Nuisance
  - The Protection of Children from Harm
- 7.3 The Act provides that before determining the application, the Licensing Authority must hold a hearing to consider it and relevant representations.
- 7.4 The Licensing Authority in determining the application, having had regard to the application and any representations, may take the following steps if it considers it necessary for the promotion of the licensing objective:
- (i) Add conditions in respect of a licence application
  - (ii) Refuse a licensable activity for a licence application.
- 7.5 In deciding which of the powers to use it is expected that the Licensing Authority should, as far as possible, seek to establish the causes of the concerns that the

representations identify. Any action the Committee may wish to take should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate response in the cause of promoting the licensing objectives.

- 7.6 In particular, Members' attention is drawn to the following sections of the Policy, which must be read in conjunction with this report:

Section 4	The Prevention of Crime & Disorder	pages 10-12
Section 4	Prevention of Public Nuisance	pages 14-17
Section 8	Consideration of Premises Licences & Club Premises Certificates	pages 28-32

## **8.0 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Human Rights Act 1988 makes it unlawful for a Local Authority to act in a way that is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The Council will have particular regard to the following convention rights;

### **Article 6**

that in the determination of civil rights and obligations everyone is entitled to a fair public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law;

### **Article 8**

that everyone has the right to respect for his home and family life;

### **Article 1 of the First Protocol**

that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his/her possessions including for example, possession of a licence.

## **9.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 9.1 The recommendations contained in this report have limited sustainability and/or community strategy implications. However, the Council's Licensing Policy (required under the Licensing Act 2003), which underpins the Committee's decision, impacts upon many areas within the Community. The Licensing Objectives contained in the Policy fit closely with many aspects of the Community Strategy and has the following links with the Community Strategy: Community Safety (issues A, C and E); Economy and Employment (issue D); Health and Social Care (issue A).

## **10.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 No additional financial or other resources are required.

## **11.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 11.1 The Council has a legal duty to administer the Licensing Act 2003 and is under a legal duty to determine the matter contained in this report. A failure to determine this matter would result in potential legal challenge.

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## **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100 D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) have been relied on to a material extent in the preparation of this report.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

## **Appendices**

Premises licence application	(Appendix 1)
Location plan	(Appendix 2)
Representations (Councillor and Member of the public)	(Appendix 3)