



AGENDA ITEM:

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 G & H
CONVENIENCE STORE, 120 ABBEYWOOD, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 9LR**

Borough wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider an application under the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) for the grant of a premises licence in respect of G & H Convenience Store, 120 Abbeywood, Skelmersdale.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Sub-Committee's instructions are requested.

3.0 PREMISES INFORMATION

3.1	Address of Premises:	120 Abbeywood Skelmersdale WN8 9LR
3.2	Premises Licence Holder:	Mr Andrew Hewitt 38 Daniels Lane Skelmersdale WN8 9NH
3.3	Designated Premise Supervisor:	Mr Andrew Hewitt 38 Daniels Lane Skelmersdale WN8 9NH

4.0 THE APPLICATION

4.1 On 17 November 2017 an application for the grant of a Premises Licence was received, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4.2 A location plan is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.

4.3 There has been a relevant representation received against the application from a member of the public. A copy of the representation is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

5.0 RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 The representation received (Appendix 3) raises concerns that the application does not promote the Licensing Objectives. The representation is made under the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm Licensing Objective.

6.0 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

6.1 A representation, including conditions, was initially made by Lancashire Constabulary and is attached as Appendices 4 and 4a to this report. The applicant subsequently agreed for the conditions to be attached to the Premises Licence should the application be granted.

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) Modify/Add conditions in respect of the New Application
- (ii) Refuse a licensable activity from the New 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	Public Safety	pages 12-14
Section 4	Prevention of Public Nuisance	pages 14-17
Section 4	The Protection of Children from harm	pages 17-19

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.

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)
Representation from Local Resident	(Appendix 3)
Agreed Lancashire Constabulary Conditions	(Appendices 4 & 4a)