

Meeting of:	LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE (A)
Date of Meeting:	29 OCTOBER 2024
Report Title:	GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE LOFT BAR BRIDGEND, 14 & 20 NOLTON STREET, BRIDGEND
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY
Responsible Officer:	KIRSTY EVANS LICENSING TEAM MANAGER
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	For the Sub-Committee to consider and determine an application for the grant of a premises licence following representations received from other persons and responsible authorities.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence for The Loft Bar Bridgend, submitted by Daniel Apsee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Licensing Authority has received an application for the grant of a new premises licence for The Loft Bar Bridgend, 14 & 20 Nolton Street, Bridgend CF31 1DU.

The application and accompanying plan can be found in **Appendix A**.

- 2.2 The applicant describes the premises in the application as:

“New Cocktail / wine bar and events venue / function room comprising ground floor at 14 Nolton Street and first and second floors at 20 Nolton Street, Bridgend Town Centre CF31 1DU.”

- 2.3 The application requests the following licensable activities for the hours stated:

- The Sale of Alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises

Monday to Wednesday:	11:00 to 00:00 hours
Thursday to Saturday:	11:00 to 02:30 hours
Sunday:	11:00 to 23:30 hours

Non-standard timings:

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Bank Holiday Sundays, and Boxing Day:
11:00 to 02:30 hours

- The Provision of Recorded Music (indoors and outdoors)

Sunday to Wednesday: 23:00 to 00:30 hours
Thursday to Saturday: 23:00 to 03:00 hours
(de-regulated before 23:00 hours)

Non-standard timings:

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Bank Holiday Sundays, and Boxing Day:
23:00 to 03:00 hours

- The Provision of Live Music (indoors and outdoors)

Sunday to Wednesday: 23:00 to 00:00 hours
Thursday to Saturday: 23:00 to 00:30 hours
(de-regulated before 23:00 hours)

Non-standard timings:

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Bank Holiday Sundays, and Boxing Day:
23:00 to 00:30 hours

- The Provision of Films (indoors and outdoors)

Monday to Sunday: 12:00 to 22:00 hours

- 2.4 The conditions proposed by the applicant for the promotion of the licensing objectives can be found in Section M of the application form, detailed in **Appendix A**.

3. Current situation/proposal

- 3.1 In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, copies of the application were forwarded to the Responsible Authorities.
- 3.2 During the statutory 28-day consultation period the application has been advertised in accordance with the regulations at the premises, in a local newspaper and on the Council's website.
- 3.3 Representations were received during the consultation period from "other persons" (as described by the Licensing Act 2003) and two responsible authorities; South Wales Police and Environmental Health. A schedule of representations received can be found in **Appendix B**.
- 3.4 Representation 2 detailed in Appendix B was accompanied by a video taken of the premises outside Nolton Street, which will be shared with the Sub-Committee and applicant prior to the meeting. Members should note that at any time up to the date of the meeting, any of the other persons or responsible authorities may withdraw their representations, but report deadlines mean that all representations received are being put forward at this stage.

3.5 As relevant representations were received during the consultation period the Sub-Committee must determine the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

3.6 The Licensing Act 2003 (Section 4) states that it is the duty of all Licensing Authorities to carry out their functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:

- a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- b) Public safety
- c) The prevention of public nuisance
- d) Protection of children from harm

Each objective is of equal importance and should be of paramount consideration at all times.

Section 4(3) Licensing Act 2003 states that the Licensing Authority should also have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act itself, in this case in particular to:

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to 11 of the 2019-2024 Statement of Licensing policy.
Sections 2, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 14 of the Statutory Guidance to local authorities issued by the Home Office.

3.7 Further updates will be provided at the start of the Sub-Committee meeting as permitted under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no Climate Change Implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the application, submissions and representations before them.

Background documents: None