

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>11 DECEMBER 2025</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>LICENSING ACT 2003: SECTION 104 CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION NOTICE FOR A TEMPORARY EVENT AT NEWBRIDGE FIELDS</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>KIRSTY EVANS TEAM MANAGER LICENSING</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>The report content has no direct effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>For the Licensing Act Sub-Committee to consider and determine an objection notice submitted by South Wales Police to a Temporary Event Notice given for Newbridge Fields, Bridgend CF31 4BW</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider and determine an Objection Notice submitted by South Wales Police in response to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) served on the Licensing Authority for Newbridge Fields, Bridgend CF31 4BW.
- 1.2 Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 states that a licensing authority must carry out its functions under this Act (“licensing functions”) 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; and
  - (d) the protection of children from harm.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 Upon receipt of the Temporary Event Notice (TEN) the Relevant Persons can issue an Objection Notice. In these circumstances it is the duty of the licensing authority to hold a hearing to consider the Objection Notice, unless the premises user, Relevant Persons which gave the Objection Notice and the Authority agree that a hearing is

unnecessary; and, having regard to the Objection Notice, give the premises user a counter notice under Section 105 of the Licensing Act 2003 if it considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so. The Authority also has the power to apply existing premises licence conditions to the Temporary Event Notice.

### **3. Current situation / proposal**

3.1 On 28 November 2025, the Licensing Authority received a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) from Joanne Summer Evans (the premises user) in respect of Newbridge Fields, Bridgend CF31 4BW.

3.2 The premises is described by the premises user as “*public fields*”.

3.3 The event is described as:

*“This is a Charitable event , Mascarade Ball, it will put money towards a bereavement fund and other Charities for aid. This is a promotion of safeguarding artists dancers and event goers inkeeping them safe on nights of going out presuming their friendships and making and developing new ones.*

*It is a marquee event with food and drink*

*The organiser has all Health and safety at the workplace training , First aid training and others on site , Level 3 Food and hygiene certificates , security staff to over see the safety publi There will be locally sourced transport to aid safety of ticket holders to get home and support local businesses .*

*Talks have been made with the local policing licencing team regarding this and they have said they are in support/ can not see any reasons why this can not be managed safely. They sent out the appropriate forms to aid in my application. This will generate visitors to bridgend and the hotels and bring in more money for the area.”*

3.4 The TEN seeks authorisation for:

The sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment between the following hours:

14 February 2026                      18:00 to 05:00 hours

A copy of the Temporary Event Notice can be found in **Appendix A**.

3.5 A copy of the Temporary Event Notice was served upon South Wales Police and the Council’s Environmental Health team within Shared Regulatory Services. On 2 December 2025, South Wales Police submitted an Objection Notice to the Licensing Authority on the basis that the notice undermines the licensing objective the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

A copy of the Objection Notice has been served on the premises user and is detailed in **Appendix B**.

3.6 This hearing must therefore consider the points raised in the Objection Notice and make a determination on the TEN. Having considered the Objection Notice, the Sub-Committee has available to it the following options:

- a) Allow the licensable activities to go ahead as stated in the TEN;
  - b) If the TEN is in connection with a licensed premises, the licensing authority, may also impose one or more of the existing licence conditions on the TEN (insofar as such conditions are not inconsistent with the event) if it considers that this is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- or
- c) If it considers that the events would undermine the licensing objectives and should not take place, give a counter notice.

3.7 As there is no premises licence in place for Newbridge fields there are no existing conditions to consider.

3.8 It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with a temporary event notice, per s.151(1)(c) of the Licensing Act 2003.

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

4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

#### **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 and Nature Implications**

6.1 There are no climate change or nature 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 required to consider and determine the Objection Notice submitted by South Wales Police in respect of the Temporary Event Notice served by Joanne Summer Evans for Newbridge Fields, Bridgend CF31 4BW covering 14 February 2026 in line with paragraph 3.6 above.

### **Background documents**

None.