

Meeting of:	LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE (A)
Date of Meeting:	22 JANUARY 2026
Report Title:	GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE FAMILY SHOPPER 16 COWBRIDGE ROAD BRIDGEND CF31 3DA
Report Owner / Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES & HR & ELECTORAL
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”

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence at Family Shopper, 16 Cowbridge Road, Bridgend, CF31 3DA.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Licensing Authority has received an application for the grant of a premises licence from Pirunthuja Satheeswaran acting as a sole trader.

A copy of the application form and plan is attached at **Appendix A**.

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

The supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises:

Monday to Sunday 0600 to 0100 hours
No non-standard timings.

Opening hours to match the supply of alcohol.

- 2.3 There is a full description of the premises in Section 5 of the application form which describes the premises as renovating and refitting the premises as a convenience store under the Family Shopper banner.
- 2.4 A copy of the conditions of licence offered can be found in Section 18 of the application form.

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 by South Wales Police and "other persons" (as defined by the Licensing Act 2003) in the consultation period. The applicant and South Wales Police reached agreement on the imposition of additional conditions should this licence be granted. These conditions are shown at **Appendix B**.
- 3.4 The representations received from other persons are tabled in **Appendix C**. South Wales Police will present Representation 2 received from an "other person" at their request due to their vulnerability.
- 3.5 The test has been applied to the representations as required by Section 18 (7) (c) and none of the representations are deemed frivolous or vexatious. The test is delegated to officers in accordance with the statutory guidance issued by the Home Office. However, as relevant representations were received during the consultation period and not withdrawn, 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. Issues such as the need for new premises, traffic or parking are not within the remit of the licensing authority.

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 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 34, 35 and 36 of the Act.

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to 11 of the 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 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 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