

LICENSING HEARING PANEL

3 AUGUST 2021

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

MEDWAY PRIDE FESTIVAL - LAND ON DOUST WAY, ROCHESTER, KENT, ME1 1DA

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Summary

The applicant Medway Pride CIC has applied for a new Premises Licence in respect of land on Doust Way, Rochester, Kent, ME1 1DA.

The responsible authorities have been consulted in line with the Licensing Act 2003.

Representations have been received from members of the public.

1. Budget and policy framework

- 1.1. Medway Council has published its Statement of Licensing Policy, which it takes into account in all applications relating to the Licensing Act 2003.

2. The Application

- 2.1. In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, the Council has received an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of land on Doust Way, Rochester, Kent ME1 1DA

- 2.2. The details of the application requirements are as follows:

Recorded and Live Music, performance of dance for one day only

Saturday 21 August 2021

11:00 –20:30

- 2.3. A copy of the application as submitted is at Appendix A. The application has been correctly advertised in the local press and notices displayed on the premises for the required period.
- 2.4. A map showing the location of the land where the event is planned to take place is at Appendix B.
- 2.5. The organisers presented the event to the Medway Safety Advisory Group (Medway SAG) on 27 May and 23 June 2021 where consultation took place with the stakeholders regarding the measures required to provide a safe environment for the event to take place and in the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Premises Licence application was submitted on 8 June 2021. No representations have been received from the Responsible Authorities.
- 2.6. Representations have been received from members of the public and these are contained in Appendix C.

3. Promotion of the Licensing Objectives

- 3.1. The applicant is expected to demonstrate that they have dealt with and understand the promotion of the four licensing objectives, where appropriate. Members are referred to section M of the application at Appendix A.
- 3.2. The four licensing objectives are:
 - the prevention of crime and disorder
 - public safety
 - the prevention of public nuisance
 - the protection of children from harm

4. Relevant Representations

- 4.1 This matter has been put to the Licensing Hearing Panel because the Council has received representations relating to the prevention of public nuisance and public safety.

5. Policy Considerations

- 5.1. Medway Council has published its Statement of Licensing Policy, which it will consider alongside the amended Guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 in all applications.
- 5.2. In determining this application, Members may wish to consider information contained in Appendix 7 to the Statement of Licensing Policy that lists examples of good practice against the four licensing objectives as well as Chapters 9 and 10 of the amended Guidance.

6. Risk Management

- 6.1. The Council has to consider and determine this application, which is a function relating to licensing and registration as set out in Schedule 1 to the Functions Regulations, the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005 and other licensing functions reserved by law to the Council's Licensing and Safety Committee and its Sub-Committees, in accordance with the law (both statutory and case law), relevant statutory guidance and statements of policy.

7. Financial and legal implications

- 7.1. There are no direct financial or legal implications at this time.
- 7.2. This hearing is regulated by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 (as amended).
- 7.3. There is the possibility of a challenge by way of appeal to the decision by either the applicant or objectors should either have the requisite grounds to do so. Legal advice will be given to Members as appropriate at the meeting. However, whatever the decision of the Panel, this must be based on the evidence placed before it in line with the licensing objectives and the Panel must decide what weight to attribute to this information.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Licensing Hearing Panel, having regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under S182, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and all matters before it, both written and oral, considers and determines this application for a premises licence.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Application for new Premises Licence
Appendix B – Location Plan
Appendix C - Copies of representations received

Background papers

None.