ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE - 15 FEBRUARY 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, GOVERNANCE AND CHANGE

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to present applications for the renewal of a licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 which requires to be determined by the Committee.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee consider and determine the application for renewal of a licence as detailed in the attached Appendix, in terms of one of the following options:-

- (i) to renew the application;
- (ii) to renew the application subject to standard and/or any additional conditions;
- (iii) to defer the application for a period not exceeding 6 months from the date of the application; or
- (iv) to refuse the application on one or more of the grounds referred to in Paragraph 4.

2. BACKGROUND

The Council has received applications for renewal of a licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 which requires to be determined by the Committee because one or more of the following apply:-

- there has been an objection or a representation received in respect of the application;
 or
- (ii) the application does not comply with the policy adopted by Angus Council; or
- (iii) the function is not delegated to Officers; or
- (iv) the applicant has a conviction(s), a spent conviction(s) or a pending case.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Schedule 1 of the 1982 Act contains provisions in respect of the processing and determining of applications for licences under the 1982 Act.
- 4.2 In particular, Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the 1982 Act provides that where an application for the grant or renewal of a licence has been made to a licensing authority they shall, in accordance with that paragraph:-
 - (a) grant or renew the licence; or
 - (b) refuse to grant or renew the licence.

- 4.3 In granting or renewing a licence a licensing authority may (either or both):-
 - (a) disapply or vary any standard conditions so far as applicable to the licence,
 - (b) impose conditions in addition to any mandatory or standard conditions to which the licence is subject.

With limited exception, the conditions referred to in the sub-paragraph above shall be such reasonable conditions as the licensing authority think fit and, without prejudice to that generality, may include conditions restricting the validity of a licence to an area or areas specified in the licence.

- 4.4 A licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant or renew a licence if, in their opinion-
 - (a) the applicant or, where the applicant is not a natural person, any director of it or partner in it or any other person responsible for its management, is either-
 - (i) for the time being disqualified by a Court from holding a licence under the 1982 Act; or
 - (ii) not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence;
 - (b) the activity to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant or renewal of such a licence if he made the application himself;
 - (c) where the licence applied for relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, those premises are not or, as the case may be, that vehicle or vessel is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity having regard to:-
 - the location, character or condition of the premises or the character or condition of the vehicle or vessel;
 - (ii) the nature and extent of the proposed activity;
 - (iii) the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
 - (iv) the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
 - (v) public order or public safety; or
 - (d) there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

In dealing with the application, the Committee will have regard to any human rights issues in relation to the applicant and any other relevant party.

6. NOTIFICATION

The applicant and any other relevant party have been notified of the terms of this Report. They have also been advised of their entitlement to attend the meeting should they wish.

NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extend in preparing this report.

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APPENDIX 1 TO REPORT NO 34/24 CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 15 FEBRUARY 2024

(a) ASDA STORES, ST JAMES ROAD, FORFAR, DD8 2ZP (LHC27)

Name of Licence Holder Type of Licence Application Received

ASDA Stores Limited Late Hours Catering 22 November 2023

A renewal application for a Late Hours Catering licence at ASDA supermarket, St James Road, Forfar, DD8 2ZP was received on 22 November 2023 on behalf of the applicant, ASDA Stores Limited. The application requests the hours detailed below:

Late Hours Catering - Monday to Sunday - 23.00 to 05.00 hours per day

The Committee are advised that the Council's guidelines allow late hours catering premises to open between 11.00pm to 12 midnight Sunday to Thursday and 11.00pm to 1.00am on Friday and Saturday. Any request for hours out with these guidelines will require to be considered by the Civic Licensing Committee.

The Committee is asked to determine the application in accordance with Section 1 to 6 of the report.