

## Agenda Item

**REPORT OF** LEAD LICENSING OFFICER

**To:** LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**Subject:** LICENSING ACT 2003 (s.34) – APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE  
CRANFORD CROSS FARM, TORRINGTON

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019

**Reference:** LAPRE1/00480/19

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To provide the sub-Committee with information relating to an application to vary the premises licence for Cranford Cross, Torrington to enable the sub-Committee to determine the application.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

An application to vary the premises licence for the above premises has been made to Torridge District Council under s.34 of the Licensing Act 2003 by Stephen Willats. The Licensing Authority has received relevant representations about the application and, in accordance with s.35(3) of the Act, the application must now be determined by a sub-Committee of the Council's Licensing Committee at a licensing hearing unless all parties agree a hearing is not necessary.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

The existing premises licence authorises a two day music festival in August at Cranford Cross Farm, Torrington for a maximum of 1500 people. The applicant is seeking to increase the event to a maximum four day event (Thursday to Sunday) with a capacity of 5000 people. The applicant has also applied to extend the available time period to hold the event to between 15<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> August.

A map of the premises location will be provided to the Sub-Committee.

## **3. THE APPLICATION**

The applicant is seeking to vary the licence as follows:

- a. To extend the period of the annual music festival to four consecutive days (Thursday to Sunday) from 15 July to 15 August.
- b. To permit licensable activities from 10.00 to 1.00
- c. To amend the following conditions of licence:
  - (i) No more than 5,000 persons will be permitted on site at any one time unless agreed in advance with the police and local authority
  - (ii) A minimum of 6 security staff will be employed on site for the duration of the event.

## **4. REPRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 Responsible Authorities**

A representation was received from Environmental Health raising concerns relating to the "Prevention of Public Nuisance" objective.

## **4.2 Other Persons**

No representations have been received from members of the public.

## **5. AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION**

- 5.1** Licensing legislation allows the right to dispense with a hearing if all parties agree. A mediation meeting was arranged and agreement has been reached by all parties. It was agreed that the following condition is added.

*The event dates (including number of days and timings) will be agreed with the Licensing Authority prior to the promotion of the event.*

## **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1** A mediation meeting has been held and agreement has been reached to dispense with the hearing.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

The Licensing sub-Committee approve the application to vary the premises licence with the agreed amendment to the licence conditions.