

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REPORT TO: Regulatory Committee

DATE: 8 December 2005

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Application for a premises licence –
Wetherspoons 10 Church Street Runcorn

WARDS: Mersey

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To hold a hearing to assess relevant representations made in response to an application in respect of Wetherspoons 10 Church Street Runcorn

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That The Committee considers the relevant representations

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 An application has been made under section 17 Licensing Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”) for a premises licence in relation to the above property.

3.2 This hearing is held in accordance with the 2003 Act and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

3.3 The procedure to be followed has been circulated to all parties and will be repeated at the beginning of the hearing.

3.4 The hearing is solely concerned with those aspects of the application which have been the subject of relevant representations as defined in the 2003 Act.

4. RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- The following responsible authorities have made relevant representations

Cheshire Constabulary
Environmental Health

The relevant representations relate to

Cheshire Constabulary Timetable issues

These premises have been left empty for a considerable period of time. The first Provisional Application was made in February of 2003 and was eventually granted for 12 months on 19th November 2003. There have since been two extensions to this and a third request was refused at the final Sessions Court on 2nd November 2005. During this application it was stated that the new On Site date was to be **1st August 2006** for an opening on or around the **8th December 2006**. Since that Hearing business press coverage reports that the plan for opening new premises in that year has been reduced from 38 to 13. To avoid a situation where town centre premises are being left unused for protracted periods of time without some progress being visible I seek to include these dates as conditional to issuing this licence.

Door Supervisors

Door Supervisors to be employed on nights when service of alcohol goes beyond midnight (Friday and Saturday). This location is in the centre of a group of three other late night venues, each being required to employ Door Staff at these times. Past experience of the area has shown that this is a necessity and any venue that was allowed to do otherwise would simply be targeted by the unruly elements who are unable to gain admission elsewhere.

Open containers CD10

No person in possession of a drink in a sealed or unsealed container shall be allowed to enter the premises except for the purposes of delivery.

CD12

No drink shall be removed from the premises in an unsealed container

Environmental Health

- The use of any outside area shall cease at 23:00 hours.
- Noise from any regulated entertainment (category B – Films) shall be inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive property at any time.
- Extensions shall be permitted on the days as specified except where Burn's Night, Australia Day and the 4 Saint's days specified fall on a Friday or Saturday

4.2 INTERESTED PARTIES

The relevant representations relate to

N/A

5. OPTIONS

5.1 The Committee has the following options:

- Grant subject to conditions
- Reject the application.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

**Document
Application
Documents**

**Place of Inspection
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