

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REPORT TO: Regulatory Committee

DATE: 26 September 2005

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Application to vary premises licence – The Halfway House Halton Road Runcorn

WARDS: Halton Brook

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 The Halfway House Halton Road Runcorn.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee considers the relevant representations

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 An application has been made under section 34 Licensing Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”) as applied by Schedule 8 paragraph 7 for the variation of the 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.

4.0 RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- The following responsible authorities have made relevant representations
Environmental Health

The relevant representations relate to
Environmental Health would not object to the application subject to the following conditions

- Noise from any regulated entertainment (categories E & F) shall be inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive property between 23.00 and 00.00 Sunday to Thursday and 23.00 and 01.00 Friday and Saturday.
- Noise from any regulated entertainment (categories E & F) shall be monitored and a log of the monitoring shall be maintained for inspection by the Council.
- The use of any outside area shall cease at 23.00 hrs.
- All doors and windows must be kept closed when any amplified music or voices are being played within the premises
- No external speakers shall be used outside the building this will include any beer gardens or outside drinking are or car park.

4.2 INTERESTED PARTIES

- The following interested parties have made relevant representations Mr & Mrs Keogh 136 Halton Road Runcorn together with a petition

The relevant representations relate to

- Volume of music currently played at the premises is unbearable to local residents
- Residential double glazed windows have to be kept closed and even so the music noise can still be heard
- Noise nuisance from patrons leaving the premises, car doors slamming and people shouting.
- Residents feel 11.00 p.m. is late enough for music to be played at the premises.

5.0 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.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Application Documents	Legal Services	John Tully/Kay Cleary