

REPORT: Regulatory Sub-Committee

DATE: 26 March 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Director – Legal and Democratic Services

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Application to Transfer Premises Licence
Hollywood Pizza, 117 Albert Road, Widnes,
WA8 6LB

WARDS: Appleton

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To assist Members of the Regulatory Committee in their consideration of an application by Hollywood Pizza and Burgers Ltd for the transfer of a premises licence for Hollywood Pizza, 117 Albert Road, Widnes, WA8 6LB

2. RECOMMENDATION that

The committee considers the contents of the report and makes a determination on the application.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 An application has been made under Section 42 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the transfer of a Premises Licence in relation to Hollywood Pizza, 117 Albert Road, Widnes.

3.2 The premises has held a licence since 18th October 2007.

4. THE APPLICATION

4.1 The application was submitted to transfer the premises licence holder from the current licence holder to Hollywood Pizza and Burgers Ltd, a copy of the application can be found at **Appendix A** of this report.

4.2 The application was to transfer the premises licence with immediate effect.

- 4.3 The application has been made in a company name so there are no requirements to check the right to work in the UK of the applicants. Officers have checked Companies House and can confirm that the company is active and there is one Director of the company.

5. REQUIREMENT FOR A HEARING

- 5.1 In accordance with the Act the Police and Home Office are the only responsible authorities that can submit representations to the application.
- 5.2 The application was submitted on 12 February 2025 and was sent to the responsible authorities (which are the Police and Home Office) on the same day. There is a 14 day representation period which expired on the 26th February 2025.
- 5.2 During the 14 days representation period, the Licensing Authority received a relevant objection from one of the Responsible Authorities, namely Cheshire Police.
- 5.4 Where relevant representations have been made and not withdrawn, the licensing authority must hold a hearing to consider them (unless otherwise agreed by the parties).
- 5.5 The hearing is held in accordance with the Act and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005. The procedure to be followed has been circulated to all parties and will be repeated at the beginning of the hearing.
- 5.6 The hearing is solely concerned with those aspects of the application, which has been the subject of the relevant representations as defined in the Act. These are the representations made by Cheshire Police.
- 5.7 At the time of writing this report I have not received any indication from the Cheshire Police, if they will be making any submissions to the Sub-Committee at the hearing. All parties have all been informed of the hearing

6. THE REPRESENTATIONS

6.1 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

Relevant representations have been received from Cheshire Police.

Attached at **Appendix B** is a copy of the objection. The objection is on the ground that it would undermine the licensing objectives on the prevention of crime which includes the prevention of immigration crime and the prevention of illegal working at a licensed premises.

7. OPTIONS

7.1 The Committee has the following options under Section 43 of the Act:

- (1) Grant the application to transfer the premises licence,
- (2) Reject the application.

9. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None

10. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 There are no special financial considerations to the Authority which need to be highlighted at this stage. However, it should be noted that the decision of the sub-committee is subject to appeal to the Magistrates' Court. If an appeal is made, there will be costs associated with this.

11. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

11.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None identified.

11.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton

None identified.

11.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

11.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

11.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

12. RISK ANALYSIS

12.1. The Council is required to hold the hearing in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. Failure to do so, may mean that the Council is acting in breach of its obligations under that Act.

13. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

13.1 There are no equality and diversity issues to highlight.

14. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no climate change implications since the decision will have no effect on the environment.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Application Documents	Legal Services	Kim Hesketh