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Dear Camden Licensing,

I write to make an application for a Summary Review of PREM-LIC\115711 relating to Blue Garden Lebanese Restaurant, 74 Chancery Lane, WC2A 1AA

I have attached the forms and would like to request a closed session to protect victim account and integrity of the investigation,

I will send off the paperwork informing the PLH and DPS of the application to Review today too,

We are seeking a full suspension of the premises licence and will draw up Interim Steps

We received advice from our Central Licensing Team and will be using the Department of Legal Services to represent us at Hearings

Thank you again for all your assistance,

I am available every day this week - my mobile is

Best wishes, Joel



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Form 693

Form for Applying for a Summary Licence Review

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003

(premises associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink.

Use additional sheets if necessary.

Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number:			
Name:	London Borough of Camden Council		
Address:	Address:		
5 Pancras Squa	5 Pancras Square		
Post town:	Camden	Post code:	N1C 4AG
Ref. No.:			

I PC Joel Francis 2601 CN

on behalf of the chief officer of police for the Metropolitan Police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details			
Postal address of pro	Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:		
Blue Garden Lebanese F	Restaurant, 74 Chancery I	Lane	
Post town:	Camden	Post code: (if known)	WC1V 7LU
2. Premises licence	e details		
Name of premises lic	cence holder or club	holding club premises certifica	ite (if known):
Mira Management Club LTD			
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known):			
PREM-LIC\115711			
3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Please read guidance note 1)			
I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.			
Please tick the box to confirm:			

PROTECTIVE MARKING

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both (Please read guidance note 2)			
The owner/manager assaulted a worker (GBH injuries) over a dispute over pay. Investigation states the owner/manager has potentially informally employed the worker/victim illegally by keeping the victims documents and underpaying his wages. The victim stated he was homeless and been sleeping at the premises, so potentially modern day slavery offences taking place too. Owner/manager also has another venue in Camden. Camden Licensing Police do not have faith the owner/manager can uphold the Licensing Objectives Owner/manager has been arrested on suspicion of GBH and Modern Day Slavery. Please refer to Statement provided by PC Joel Francis 2601CN dated 05/11/2024			
Signature of	applicant		
Signature:		Date:	05/11/2024
Capacity:	Police Constable from Camden Police Licensing Unit.		
Contact deta	ils for matters concerning this appl	ication	
Surname:	Francis	First Names:	Joel
Address:			
12a Holmes Road, Kentish Town Police Station			
Post town:	Kentish Town	Post code:	NW5 3AE
Tel. No.:		Email:	

Notes for guidance

- 1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both. Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:
 - conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of
 eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for
 a term of three years or more; or
 - conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose. Serious disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.
- 2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.

Retention Period: 7 years MP 146/12



Form 693A

Certificate under Section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003

Metropolitan Police Service | New Scotland | Yard 8-10 Broadway | London | SW1H 0BG

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with: serious crime

Premises (Include business name and address and any ot	ther relevant identifying details):
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Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

Blue Garden Lebanese Restaurant, 74 Chancery Lane

Post town:	Camden	Post code: (if known)	WC1V 7LU
Premises licence num	nber (if known):		
PREM-LIC\115711			
Name of premises supervisor (if known):			
Ali Awada			

I am a Superintendent* in the Metropolitan Police Service.		
*Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.		
I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case because:		
(Give a brief description of why other procedures such as a standard review process are thought to be inappropriate, e.g. the degree of seriousness of the crime and/or disorder, the past history of compliance in relation to the premises concerned)		
Full justification for the Summary Poview Application has been provided to me by PC leal Francis		

Full justification for the Summary Review Application has been provided to me by PC Joel Francis 2601CN in the form of a Statement accompanying Form 693. The owner/manager assaulted a worker (GBH injuries) over a dispute over pay. Investigation states the owner/manager has potentially informally employed the worker/victim illegally by keeping the victims documents and underpaying his wages. The victim stated he was homeless and been sleeping at the premises, so we also suspect modern day slavery offences taking place too. Camden Licensing Police do not have faith the owner/manager can uphold the Licensing Objectives. Owner/manager has been arrested on suspicion of GBH and Modern Day Slavery.

Signature		
Signature:	 Date:	Tuesday 05/11/2024

Retention Period: 7 years MP 147/12



London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG

Premises Licence

London Borough of Camden Licensing Authority

Premises licence number PREM-LIC\115711

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Blue Garden
Basement and Ground Floor 309-310 (Including Basement And Ground 74
Chancery Lane)
74 Chancery Lane
London
WC2A 1AA
Telephone number N/A

Where the licence is time limited the dates

N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence	
Live Music:	Yes
Recorded Music:	Yes
Performance of Dance:	Yes
Similar to E, F or G:	Yes
Late Night Refreshment:	Yes
Supply of Alcohol:	Yes

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities		
Live Music:		
Monday - Thursday	10:00 - 23:30	
Friday & Saturday	10:00 - 01:30	
Sunday	11:00 - 22:30	
Recorded Music:		
Monday - Thursday	10:00 - 23:30	
Friday & Saturday	10:00 - 01:30	
Sunday	11:00 - 22:30	

Performance of Dance:	
Monday - Thursday	10:00 - 23:30
Friday & Saturday	10:00 - 01:30
Sunday	11:00 - 22:30
Similar to E, F or G:	
Monday - Thursday	10:00 - 23:30
Friday & Saturday	10:00 - 01:30
Sunday	11:00 - 22:30
Late Night Refreshment:	
Friday & Saturday	23:00 - 01:30
OFF SALES	
Friday & Saturday	23:00 - 02:00
Alcohol:	
Monday - Thursday	10:00 - 23:30
Friday & Saturday	10:00 - 01:30
Sunday	11:00 - 22:30

The opening hours of the premises

Monday - Saturday: 08:00 - 03:00 Sunday: 08:00 - 01:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies:

On the premises

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mira Management Club Ltd Basement and Ground Floor 309-310 (Including Basement And Ground 74 Chancery Lane) 74 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1AA Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

14925372

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Ali Awada

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Personal Licence Number:

For Corporate Services Directorate on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date Licence Granted: 21/09/2023 - APP\PREMISES-NEW\115712

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

- 1. The supply of alcohol is prohibited at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises.
- 2. The supply of alcohol is prohibited at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his/her licence is suspended.
- 3. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
- 4. Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must
 (a) be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
 (b) be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act.
- 5. But nothing in subsection (4) requires such a condition to be imposed -

(a) in respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c. 12) (premises with premises licences authorising plays or films), or

(b) in respect of premises in relation to -

(i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or

(ii) any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).

6. For the purposes of this section

(a) "security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1)(a) of that Schedule applies[and which is licensable conduct for the purposes of that Act (see section 3(2) of that Act)], and

(b) paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

7. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

(2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of

the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises

(a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to

(i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or

(ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);

(b)provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

(d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

(e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

- 8. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- 9. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

(2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

(3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either

- (a) a holographic mark, or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.
- 10. The responsible person must ensure that

(a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for

consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures

(i) beer or cider: 1/2 pint;

(ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and

(iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

- 11. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- 12. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 11

(a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979

(b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula

 $\mathsf{P} = \mathsf{D} + (\mathsf{D}\mathsf{x}\mathsf{V})$

where

(i) P is the permitted price,

(ii) D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

(iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence

(i) the holder of the premises licence,

(ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or

(iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

(e) "valued added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

13. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of 12 above would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

14. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

15. CCTV shall be installed, operated, and maintained to function at all times. The CCTV system shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) The system will record in real-time and all recordings will be date and time stamped.

(b) Recordings will be retained for a minimum of 31 days, and downloadable footage shall be provided free of charge to the police or other authorized officers upon request (subject to Data Protection Act requirements) within 48 hours of any request.

(c) The system will provide full coverage of the interior of the premises, including all communal areas used for the sale and consumption of alcohol, as well as any external seating or terrace area.

(d) The Police will be notified if the system will be non-operational for longer than one business day for any reason.

(e) During operating hours, there shall be at least one staff member on the premises who can proficiently operate the CCTV system, allowing the Police or authorized Council officers to view footage upon request.

- 16. The licensee will ensure that staff are adequately trained in relevant licensing laws, crime scene best practices, and the responsible sale of alcohol to intoxicated individuals and underage persons. Training shall be documented in a program with ongoing reviews and made available to the Police and other responsible authorities upon request.
- 17. The venue shall not engage the services of street promoters to encourage clientele to attend the premises.
- 18. No patron shall be allowed to leave the premises while in possession of any drinking vessel or open glass bottle, whether empty or containing any beverage. This includes patrons using the smoking area(s).
- 19. At least 3 Security Industry Authority (SIA) personnel will be engaged at the premises from 22:00 hours when the basement floor is open.
- 20. An updated SIA registered security personnel register shall be maintained, including details such as full name, date of birth, SIA registration number, date and hours worked, contact telephone number, and email. This register shall be available for inspection by the Police or licensing authority.

- 21. Consumption of alcohol on the premises shall cease 30 minutes after the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.
- 22. No noise shall emanate from the premises, nor shall vibrations be transmitted through the structure of the premises that give rise to a nuisance.
- 23. Police must be called to incidents of violence and/or disorder where appropriate.
- 24. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available upon request to the Police or the Local Authority. The log shall record the date, time, and identity of the person making the entry, and include the following:
 - (a) All reported crimes within the venue.
 - (b) Any complaints received.
 - (c) Any faults in the CCTV system.
 - (d) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
 - (e) CAD reference numbers when Police are called.
- 25. A clear notice shall be displayed at every exit from the premises instructing customers to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.
- 26. A Challenge 25 policy will be enforced, requiring proof of age for anyone reasonably looking under 25 attempting to purchase alcohol. Signs indicating this policy will be displayed at the premises, and only acceptable forms of identification will be recognized as per the Home Office guidance.
- 27. At the end of the licensed hours, staff will actively encourage and disperse patrons directly from outside the venue and its close proximity until all patrons have left the area.
- 28. Deliveries shall only be made to prearranged postal addresses, not to open spaces.
- 29. A clear document trail of the order process shall be maintained, from order to despatch, and delivery to the customer, available for inspection by authorized officers.
- 30. When delivery persons are employed directly by the Premises License Holder, a register of staff details must be kept on the premises, available for inspection by Local Authority officers and the Police.

- 31. Contact details of the Designated Premises Supervisor shall be available to staff and the authorities.
- 32. In the event that crime or serious disorder is, or appears to have been, committed on the premises, the management will immediately ensure that:

(a) The police and, where appropriate, the London Ambulance Service, are called immediately.

(b) All measures are taken, as far as is safe and reasonably practicable, to apprehend any identified suspects pending the arrival of the police.

(c) All measures are taken, as far as is safe and reasonably practicable, to preserve any identified crime scene pending the arrival of the police.

(d) Any and all appropriate measures are taken to fully protect the safety of all persons present on the premises at all times during operating hours.

- 33. No persons carrying visibly open alcohol vessels shall be admitted to the premises at any time.
- 34. The ground floor shall operate as a bona fide restaurant where the sale of alcohol is strictly ancillary to food.
- 35. The sale of alcohol on the ground floor shall only be to customers seated at a table taking a table meal from the menu with all service by waiting staff.
- 36. No vertical drinking or drinking at the bar shall be permitted on the ground floor.
- 37. No off-sales of alcohol shall be permitted from the restaurant.
- 38. The maximum capacity of the basement floor will be 60 people.
- 39. The on duty supervisor will conduct hourly checks of the venue and outside to ensure no disturbance can be heard from outside the premises.
- 40. The venue will operate as delivery only from the hours of 01:30-02:00 Friday-Saturday. There will be no collection of food in this period.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Annex 4 - Plans



London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG

Premises Licence Summary

London Borough of Camden Licensing Authority

Premises licence number PREM-LIC\115711

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Blue Garden
Basement and Ground Floor 309-310 (Including Basement And Ground 74
Chancery Lane)
74 Chancery Lane
London
WC2A 1AA
Telephone number N/A

Where the licence is time limited the dates N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence		
Live Music:	Yes	
Recorded Music:	Yes	
Performance of Dance:	Yes	
Similar to E, F or G:	Yes	
Late Night Refreshment:	Yes	
Supply of Alcohol:	Yes	

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities	
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The opening hours of the premises

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Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

On the premises

Part 2

Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence

Mira Management Club Ltd Basement and Ground Floor 309-310 (Including Basement And Ground 74 Chancery Lane) 74 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1AA

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

14925372

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Ali Awada

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited N/A





Section 1: Background comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 1.1 The purpose of Camden's Statement of Licensing Policy is to make it clear to applicants that wider considerations will be taken into account when determining applications. It is intended to guide the Licensing Panel when considering licence applications. However, the Licensing Panel must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where the circumstances of the application justify allowing an exception. The burden is on the applicant to show that they comply with the policy.
- 1.2 Members should only address those matters that have formed the subject matter of relevant representations. Matters that arise that are not the subject of relevant representations fall outside the function that the Panel is exercising when it holds a hearing
- 1.3 Members must determine, having regard for the evidence, whether granting the application for a premises licence will impact adversely on the policy criteria listed in paragraph 3 of this report.
- 1.4 In accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Act, where a Licensing Authority rejects in whole or in part, an application for a new premises licence, the applicant may appeal against the decision, to a magistrate's court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.
- 1.5 Similarly, where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application contends that the licence ought not to have been granted, or that different or additional conditions should have been imposed on the licence, he may appeal against the decision to a magistrate's court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.
- 1.6 **The Human Rights Act 1998** incorporates the key articles of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Decisions on licensing matters are actions of a public authority and must be compatible with Convention rights. Consequently, Members of the Panel must be aware of the rights contained in the Convention (particularly those set out below) when making licensing decisions.

(a) Article 6: Right to a fair trial

In the determination of his civil rights and obligations, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law.

(b) Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life

Everyone has a right to respect for his or her private life, his home and correspondence.

(c) Article 1 of the First Protocol: Protection of property

Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions, including a licence. No one shall be deprived of his possession except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

(d) Article 10: Freedom of Expression

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This Article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

The exercise of these freedoms since it carries with it duties and responsibilities may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health and morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

(e) Article 14: Prohibition of discrimination

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth, or other status.

1.7 When formulating policy local authorities must have regard to the **Equality Act 2010**. The Act provides protection from discrimination in respect of certain protected characteristics, namely: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs and sex and sexual orientation. It places the Council under a legal duty to have due regard to the advancement of equality in the exercise of its powers including licensing powers. Members of the panel must be mindful of this duty when determining all licensing applications.

The section 149 Public Sector Equality Duty

(1)A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

(2) A person who is not a public authority but who exercises public functions must, in the exercise of those functions, have due regard to the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

(a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
(b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
(c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

(4) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

(5) Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

- (a) tackle prejudice, and
- (b) promote understanding.

(6)Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act.

- 1.8 In determining any application, the Council must comply with the public sector equality duty in s.149 of the 2010 Act. This is a duty to have regard to the need to achieve the statutory goals of s.149, rather than to achieve a particular result. The s149 duty sits alongside and does not override statutory requirements in relation to determining licensing applications, including the duty to consider all evidence on its merits and the legislative criteria listed at paragraphs 3 & 4.
- 1.9 When members have before them representations or other material on issues relevant to s149, even outside the scope of "standard" licensing considerations such material must still be specifically assessed in the context of s149. However, because s149 creates a requirement to "have regard" the fact a matter raised is relevant to s149 will not automatically translate into a reason for refusing an application that would be sustainable in any subsequent appeal, given the legal requirement to determine applications in compliance with licensing legislation.

Section 2: Financial Comments

2.1 Following consideration there are no financial implications concerning this application. The Executive Director Corporate Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to add.