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**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**  
**Hearing under the Licensing Act 2003**

**19 May 2020**

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**Application for a Review of an Existing Premises Licence**  
**The Pyramid Lounge (Anonymous), 8-10 Millstone Lane, Leicester LE1 5JN**

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**Report of the Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. This report provides information for Members about an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, to assist them in determining the outcome of that application.

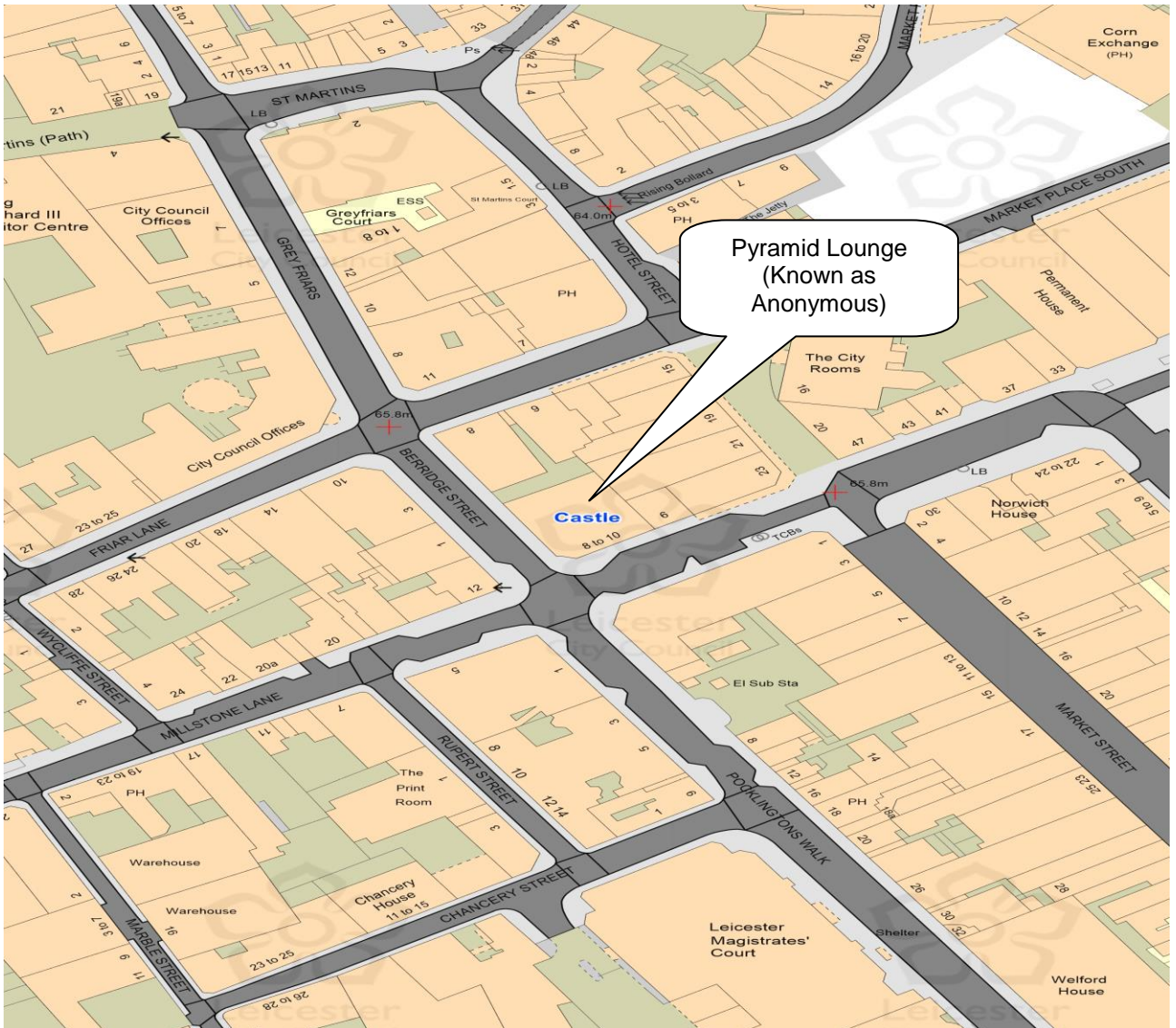
**2. Determination to be made**

- 2.1. Having considered the application and representation(s), Members must consider whether to
- Reject the review application
  - Modify the conditions of the licence
  - Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
  - Remove the designated premises supervisor
  - Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
  - Revoke the licence
- 2.2 Where Members take the decision to reject the review application, they are permitted to issue an informal warning to the licence holder and / or recommend improvement within a particular period of time.

**3. Summary**

- 3.1 This report outlines an application for a review of an existing premises licence for The Pyramid Lounge also known as Anonymous and summarises the representation(s) received. It also highlights the licensing objectives, the relevant parts of the guidance and regulations, and the pertinent sections of the Licensing Authority's Licensing Policy.

#### 4. Location Plan



#### 5. Existing Licence

- 5.1. The existing licence is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.2. The activities and hours permitted by the existing licence are as follows:
- 5.3.

Licensable activity	Current Hours
Films	24 Hours
Live Music	24 Hours
Recorded Music	24 Hours
Performances of Dance	24 Hours
Anything similar to live/recorded music or dance	24 Hours
Dancing	24 Hours

Late night refreshment	Monday to Sunday 23:00 to 05:00 the following morning
Supply of Alcohol	24 Hours
Opening hours	24 Hours

## 6. Review application

- 6.1 An application was received on 24 March 2020 from Nigel Rixon – Licensing Manager Leicestershire Police for a review of the existing premises licence for The Pyramid Lounge also known as Anonymous. The application was made on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix B. Attached at B1 is further information in support of the application submitted by Leicestershire Police.
- 6.2 Leicestershire Police have recorded a number of incidents of crime and disorder linked to the premises, most of which are violent in nature. They have also identified examples of poor management and failure to report criminal activity – they have no confidence in the management’s ability to run a safe environment for its customers and are putting them at risk of harm. Leicestershire Police have attempted to work with the management of the premises in line with what the Licensing Act 2003 encourages but there has been a reluctance to adopt change, refusal to promote the licensing objectives and a continuation of criminality linked to the premise.
- 6.3 The Police have also submitted CCTV and Bodycam evidence to support the review . This has been circulated prior to the hearing taking place to those members who are determining the review application and to the licence holder and his representative.

## 7. Representations

- 7.1 A representation was received on 26 March 2020 from Councillor Lynn Moore. The representation relates to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. Councillor Moore is concerned after reading the review application and feels that the licence should be revoked. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix C.

## 8 Steps to Promote the Licensing Objectives

- 8.1 In arriving at its decision on the review application, the Licensing Authority’s primary consideration must be the promotion of the licensing objectives.

## 9. Statutory Guidance

- 9.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Authority must be in accordance with the licensing objectives. In addition, the government has issued guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The relevant parts of the guidance in this case are as follows:

Section	Heading
1.2 – 1.5	The licensing objectives
1.15	General principles
1.16	Each application on its own merits
2.1 – 2.6	Crime and disorder
2.7 – 2.14	Public safety

2.15 – 2.21	Public nuisance
2.22 – 2.31	Protection of children from harm
3.12 – 3.20	Late night refreshment
8.41 – 8.49	Steps to promote the licensing objectives
9.11 – 9.12	Role of responsible authorities
9.31 – 9.41	Hearings
9.42 – 9.44	Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives
10.1 – 10.3	Conditions - general
10.8 – 10.9	Imposed conditions
10.10	Proportionality
10.25 – 10.66	Mandatory conditions in relation to the supply of alcohol
11.1 – 11.29	Reviews
14.51 – 14.52	Licensing hours

## 10. Statement of Licensing Policy

10.1 The relevant parts of the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy are as follows:

Section	Heading
2	Fundamental Principles
5	Licensing Hours
7	Prevention of Crime and Disorder
8	Public Safety
9	Prevention of Public Nuisance
10	Protection of Children from Harm
12	Duplication
13	Standardised conditions
17	Live Music, Dancing, Theatre, Circuses and Street Arts

## 11. Points for Clarification

11.1 The licence holder and the applicant for review have been asked to clarify certain points at the hearing, as follows:

*By the premises licence holder*

1. Whether the premises licence holder considers that the concerns outlined in the review application are valid, and if not why not?
2. In the light of the review application, does the applicant wish to propose any additional steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives?

*By the applicant for review*

1. Whether they have any additional information to support the review application they have made?
2. Whether there are any additional steps that could be taken which would be equally effective in the promotion of the licensing objectives?

## 12. Other Implications

<b>OTHER IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>YES/ NO</b>	<b>Paragraph/References Within Supporting information</b>
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	Yes	Parag. 6 – the review application was made on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	
Health Inequalities Impact	No	

## 13. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

- a. None

## 14. Consultations

14.1 The Licensing Authority has fulfilled its obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 by preparing a notice which has been:

- Displayed at the premises
- Published on our website, and
- Displayed in Customer Services (91 Granby Street)

for 28 days.

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<b>APPENDIX</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>
A	Existing licence
B	Application for review
B1	Additional Information submitted by Leicestershire Police
B2	Statements submitted by Leicestershire Police
C	Representation(s)

