

<b>Report to:</b>	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of Premises for the Conduct of Marriages and Civil Partnerships		
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Cabinet Portfolio:</b>	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

**Summary:**

To consider the licensing of rooms at The Grand Lord Street Southport and The Lake House Crosby Coastal Park the Esplanade off Cambridge Road Waterloo

**Recommendation(s):**

- (1) That the designated rooms at The Grand Lord Street Southport (Princess Grace Suite) be licensed for civil marriage and civil partnership for a five year period.
- (2) That the designated rooms at The Lake House Crosby Coastal Park the Esplanade off Cambridge Road Waterloo (Kitchen and Restaurant, Lake View 1,2 and 3, Lakehouse Suite, The Deck) be licensed for civil marriage and civil partnership for a five year period.

**Reasons for the Recommendation(s):**

To increase the number of venues within Sefton for couples to be able to have a greater choice for their civil marriage or civil partnership

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** (including any Risk Implications)

N/A

## What will it cost and how will it be financed?

### (A) Revenue Costs

The cost of processing these applications will be met from the appropriate application fees which have been received from both venues.

### (B) Capital Costs

There are no direct capital costs associated with the recommendations in this report.

### Implications of the Proposals:

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>	
N/A	
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	
Application for the approval of premises for marriages and civil partnerships may be made to the local authority under the Marriages and Civil Partnerships Approved Premises Regulations 2005/3168 [as amended]	
<b>Equality Implications:</b>	
There are no equality implications	
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
The subject matter of this report is considered to be neutral in terms of Climate Emergency implications	

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

N/A

Protect the most vulnerable:
Facilitate confident and resilient communities:
Commission, broker and provide core services:
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD7031/22) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD 5231/22) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**(B) External Consultations**

N/A

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Committee.

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**Appendices:**

There are no appendices to this report

### **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

#### **1. Introduction/Background**

1. The law requires that civil marriages and civil partnerships may only be conducted at licensed venues and the licensing of such venues is the responsibility of the Local Authority. The regulations require specific rooms/spaces to be designated for such purposes and only those rooms /spaces can be used for conducting civil marriages/partnerships.
  
2. Applications have recently been received from:
  - a. The Grand Lord Street Southport
  - b. The Lake House Crosby Coastal Park the Esplanade off Cambridge Road Waterloo
  
3. The applications have been assessed by Sefton's Registration Officers:
  - a. The premises have been inspected and confirm to all the guidelines issued to local authorities by the General Register Office (the statutory government department)
  - b. The applications were advertised on Sefton's website. The closing dates for objections after the official notice was published were 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for The Grand and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 for The Lake House. No objections have been received.
  - c. Merseyside Police has considered the applications and have no objections.
  - d. Mersey Fire and Rescue Service has considered the applications and have no objections.
  
4. Approval of the application is recommended.