

Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory (Urgent Referrals) Committee	Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 28 July 2020
Subject:	Approval of Premises for the Conduct of Marriages and Civil Partnerships		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

- To add the Assembly Room, Ballroom and Committee Room to the existing licence for Bootle Town Hall.

Recommendation(s):

That the Assembly Room, Ballroom and Committee Room be added to the current licence for Bootle Town Hall. The current licence will expire on 30th September 2022 at which time it will need to be renewed.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To increase the number of larger rooms on the licence for Bootle Town Hall to enable ceremonies to safely take place under social distancing measures due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs-no cost to authority

(B) Capital Costs -N/A

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
N/A
Legal Implications: 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]
Equality Implications: There are no equality 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 (FD6069/20) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4252/20) 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 meeting.

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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

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.

1.2 An application has recently been received from Bootle Town Hall to add the Assembly Hall, Ballroom and Committee Room to their current licence

1.3 This application has been assessed by Sefton's Registration Officers. The premises have been inspected and conform to all the guidelines issued to Local Authorities by the General Register Office, (the statutory government department).

1.4 Approval of the application is recommended.