

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Bar Coast and Harry's Lounge Bar, 156-164 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, BH1 1NL
Meeting date	9 September 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Mr James Gordon has applied for a standard Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for a proposed boxing event to be held at the premises on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 14:00 to 23:30. The TEN is made to permit boxing and wrestling entertainment which is not authorised under the current premises licence.
Recommendations	Members are asked to decide whether to: a) Grant the TEN as made; b) Grant the TEN as made but impose one or more of the existing licence conditions, which are consistent with the event and considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, by way of a notice (statement of conditions); or c) Refuse the TEN as made by way of counter notice. Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are asked to make a decision at the end of the hearing after all relevant parties have been given an opportunity to speak. Members must give full reasons for their decision.
Reason for recommendations	The licensing authority has received an objection notice from Dorset Police as relevant persons under the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety licensing objectives. The licensing authority may only consider aspects relevant to the notice that have been raised in the objection by Dorset Police. Where an objection notice has been received, and the concerns have not been resolved through modification and agreement to allow the event to proceed, the Scheme of Delegation set out in the Council's Constitution states that these applications should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

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Wards	Bournemouth Centra;
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is intended to be a light touch process and as such, the carrying on of licensable activities does not have to be authorised by the licensing authority on an application.
 - a. Standard TEN – must be submitted giving at least ten working days’ notice, excluding the day the notice is given and the day of the event.
 - b. Late TEN - Applicants can apply for a ‘late TEN’ up to 5 working days before the event and can apply for up to 10 late TENs per calendar year.
2. The person who intends to hold the Temporary Event submits a notification to the licensing authority (TEN) which outlines the proposed activities, date and time as well as where the event will take place.
3. Once notification is received only the Police and Environmental health can object to the even (as “relevant persons”) and can either seek to prevent the event or modify the arrangements of the event.
4. The TEN submitted by Mr James Gordon was accepted by the licensing authority on 11 August 2026. A copy of the submitted TEN is attached at Appendix 1.
5. A copy of a plan showing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix 2.
6. A copy of the conditions attached to the premises licence in force at the premises are attached at Appendix 3. These are the only conditions that the Licensing Sub-Committee can impose on to the TEN

Consultation

7. The notice was served on the relevant persons – Dorset Police and Environmental Health – on 11 August 2026.
8. Dorset Police submitted an objection notice to the TEN which is attached at Appendix 4.
9. In response to the objection notice Mr Gordon has provided additional information and made arrangements for a safety advisory group meeting to take place to discuss the safety concerns raised. A copy of the correspondence exchange is attached at Appendix 5.

Options Appraisal

10. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters:
11. The objection notice made by Dorset Police.
12. The relevant licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.
13. If the Sub-Committee decide to issue a counter notice this means the event cannot take place. A notice with reasons for this decision must also be given.
14. If the Sub-Committee decide not to issue a counter notice and allow the event to go ahead, do they require any licence conditions to be attached to the TEN, a notice (statement of conditions) must be given.
15. The TEN can be modified (times, layout of venue, licensable activities) but only with the agreement of the premises user and all relevant persons.
16. The committee are therefore asked whether to:
 - Issue a counter notice to prevent the event taking place or
 - Permit the event to go ahead as applied for, or
 - Permit the event by imposing conditions from the existing licence onto the TEN; or
 - Permit the event with modifications, subject to the agreement of all parties.

Summary of financial implications

17. There are no financial implications.

Summary of legal implications

18. If Members decide to refuse the application, by way of a counter notice, the premises user may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day that the applicant is notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against.
19. If the TEN is allowed, and a counter notice is not issued, the relevant party may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day that they are notified by the licensing authority of the decision.
20. No appeal may be brought later than five working days before the day on which the event period specified in the TEN begins.

Summary of human resources implications

21. There are no human resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

22. There are no sustainability impacts implications.

Summary of public health implications

23. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

24. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

25. There is no requirement for a risk assessment.

Background papers

BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy

[Statement of licensing policy | BCP](#)

Hearing Regulations

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/44/made>

Licensing Act 2003 Section 182 Guidance

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 \(February 2026\) \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK](#)

Appendices

- 1 – Copy TEN
- 2 – Location Plan
- 3 – Copy Premises Licence
- 4 – Objection Notice
- 5 – Correspondence between Mr Gordon and Dorset Police