

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE



Report subject	Application to vary the Premises Licence at Lost 14a Commercial Road Bournemouth BH2 5LP
Meeting date	8 September 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Lascelles Richardson has made an application on behalf of VIP Events Ltd to vary the Premises Licence at Lost, 14a Commercial Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5LP The application seeks to vary the permitted hours for the exhibition of films, live and recorded music, performances of dance, late-night refreshment and the supply of alcohol. The proposed variation would extend the terminal hour for these licensable activities by two hours, from 03:00 to 05:00, on Fridays and Saturdays and on Sundays immediately preceding a Bank Holiday Monday. The application also seeks to extend the licensed area to include the second floor of the premises, amend conditions 2.2 and 2.2.4 relating to the provision of SIA registered door supervisors and add a further condition in relation to SIA door supervisors The Licensing Authority has received seven representations from local residents in relation to the application. Six of the representations raise concerns that granting the application would undermine the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective, the seventh representation is in support of the application. No representations were received from any Responsible Authority.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Members consider the proposed application and either a) Grant the application for a premises licence as made; b) Refuse the application for a premises licence; c) Grant the premises licence subject to additional conditions. 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 the opportunity to speak.

	Members must give full reasons for their decision.
Reason for recommendations	The Licensing Authority may only consider aspects relevant to the application that have been raised in the representation. Where representations have been received from a responsible authority or any other person, and the concerns have not been resolved through mediation between all parties, the Scheme of Delegation set out in the Council's Constitution states that these applications should be dealt with by the Licensing Sub-Committee.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Kieron Wilson – Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulation
Corporate Director	Laura Ambler – Corporate Director for Wellbeing
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Wards	Bournemouth Central;
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. An application was made by Lascelles Richardson on behalf of VIP Events Ltd under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 on 17 July 2026 to vary the Premises Licence at Lost, 14a Commercial Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5LP. The application seeks the following variations to the Premises Licence:
 - Extend the terminal hour for all permitted licensable activities by two hours, from 03:00 to 05:00, on Fridays and Saturdays and on Sundays immediately preceding a Bank Holiday Monday.
 - Extend the licensed area to include the second floor of the premises.
 - Update Licence conditions as follows:

Condition 2.2

Existing condition

The premises licence holder shall undertake a risk assessment regarding the deployment of SIA Door Supervisors at different times of the day and on different days of the event to determine the appropriate number of SIA staff are deployed on those days and/or at any other time(s) and to then implement the outcome of the risk assessment.

Proposed Condition

The Premises Licence Holder shall undertake a written risk assessment regarding the deployment of SIA Door Supervisors at different times of the day, on different days of the week and for different types of events to determine the

appropriate number of SIA Door Supervisors required. The premises shall operate in accordance with the findings of that risk assessment.

Condition 2.2.4

Existing Condition

A minimum of 2 SIA Door Supervisors shall be assigned to the premises from 22:00 hours each day until 30 minutes after the final customer has vacated the venue or the customers have dispersed from the vicinity of the venue, whichever comes first.

Proposed Condition

On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday Monday, a minimum of two SIA Door Supervisors shall be on duty from 22:00 hours until 30 minutes after the final customer has left the premises or until all customers have dispersed from the immediate vicinity of the premises.

Condition to be added:

A minimum of two SIA Door Supervisors shall wear and actively utilise Body Worn Video whenever SIA staff are deployed and at least one shall be allocated to the SIA Door Supervisor positioned at the main entrance of the venue.

2. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1.
3. The premises is located on Commercial Road, Bournemouth and is within Bournemouth Town centre, an area comprising a mix of licensed premises, retail outlets and residential properties.
4. A Location plan is attached at Appendix 2.
5. The existing premises licence was granted on 24 May 2024 and currently authorises the following licensable activities:
 - Plays (indoors): Monday to Sunday, 09:00 to 03:00
 - Films (indoors): Monday to Sunday, 09:00 to 03:00
 - Live Music (indoors): Monday to Sunday, 09:00 to 03:00
 - Recorded Music (indoors): Monday to Sunday, 09:00 to 03:00
 - Performances of Dance (indoors): Monday to Sunday, 09:00 to 03:00
 - Late Night Refreshment (indoors): Monday to Sunday, 23:00 to 03:00
 - Supply of Alcohol (on-sales only): Monday to Sunday, 09:00 to 03:00
6. A copy of the existing licence is attached at Appendix 3.

Consultation

7. The application was served on all Responsible Authorities in accordance with statutory requirements. The applicant has confirmed that the required site notices were displayed at the premises and that a notice was published in a local newspaper.
8. The Licensing Authority received seven representations from local residents. Six of the representations raise concerns that granting the application would undermine the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective, the seventh representation is in support of the application.
9. Copies of the representations are attached at Appendix 4.

10. Dorset Police Licensing Team engaged in mediation discussions with the applicant. Following those discussions, agreement was reached on the addition of the following conditions, which will be attached to the premises licence should the application be granted:
- A glassware policy will be in use and agreed upon with Licensing. A risk assessment and subsequent changes to any glassware policy shall take place for any events outside of the normal scope of operation.
 - The Dispersal Policy shall be reviewed as required to ensure its continued effectiveness and suitability. Any amendments to the policy must be agreed in consultation with Dorset Police prior to implementation.
11. No representations were received from any Responsible Authority.
12. At the time of writing this report, no mediation has taken place between the applicant and persons making representations and the representations remain unresolved.

Options Appraisal

13. Before making a decision, Members are asked to consider the following matters: -
- The representations made against the application.
 - The relevant licensing objective, namely the prevention of public nuisance.
 - The Licensing Act 2003 and appropriate Regulations.
 - Statutory Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2026) and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

On 26 November 2025 the guidance was updated to clarify licensing authority discretion (case-by-case decisions).

A spokesperson for the Home Office said:

"The update to the Section 182 Guidance has been added to help ensure that, when determining licence applications and considering any conditions that may apply, Licensing Authorities have in mind the need to support the development of a thriving hospitality sector while still upholding the existing statutory licensing objectives."

The new line in the guidance is 1.18, when making licensing decisions, all licensing authorities should consider the need to promote growth and deliver economic benefits".

Section 182 Guidance - Prevention of Public Nuisance

Public nuisance is addressed at paragraph 2.20 of the Guidance and states:

"The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable."

Summary of financial implications

14. An appeal may be made against the decision of the Sub-Committee, by the applicant or any party making representation, to the Magistrates' Court which could have a financial impact on the Council.

Summary of legal implications

15. If Members decide to refuse the application or attach conditions to the licence which the applicant, or the other person who made a representation do not agree to, the applicant or such other person may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day that the applicant is notified, in writing, of the decision.

Summary of human resources implications

16. There are no human resources implications

Summary of sustainability impact

17. There are no sustainability impact implications.

Summary of public health implications

18. There are no public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

19. There are no equality implications.

Summary of risk assessment

20. There are no risk assessment implications.

Background papers

BCP Council – Statement of Licensing Policy

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/documents/s21122/Statement%20of%20Licensing%20Policy.pdf>

Hearing Regulations

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

Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2026)

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

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Copy of application

Appendix 2 - Location plan

Appendix 3 - Copy of existing licence

Appendix 4 - Copy of representations