

10. SANJO'S POOL CLUB - CLUB LIQUOR LICENCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Board information to consider consenting with delegated authority from the Council as head Lessor, for an application to be made to the District Licensing Authority by Sanjo's Pool Club to hold a club liquor licence.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY

2. (a) The Union Rowing Club and the Canterbury Rowing Club jointly lease the site of their premises at Kerrs Reach. This lease, which runs until 2012, was issued under Section 45 of the Public Works Act 1981. A sublease of the first floor of these premises (with Council approval under delegated authority) has been granted to Sanjo's Pool Club, an Incorporated Society. This sublease is in force until 30 September 2010.

(b) Sanjo's seek a Club Licence which would authorise the sale & supply of liquor on the premises to, and consumption by, members their guests and affiliates from Monday to Sunday, from 7.00 am to 11.00 pm, the hours permitted under the City plan without need for resource consent. The Club has also indicated that occasionally it would like to obtain a Special Licence in order to extend the hours for certain occasions and or events. The head lease to the rowing clubs contains the standard clause providing for the sale of liquor on the premises during hours as may be approved by the Council.

(c) The premises subleased were formerly operated as a function centre known as the Leander Club and a liquor licence was held in conjunction with that operation.

(d) Pending the formation of the Pool Club and its incorporation the premises have been used extensively for the playing of pool and liquor has been sold on site by authority of a special licence to the Kerrs Reach Charitable Trust since March 2004 from the District Licensing Agency.

(e) While the application is for the hours as set out in the City Plan, it is considered the licensing hours should be aligned to the normal scheduled club operating hours ie seven days a week 11.00 am to 11.00 pm. The premises would not obviously be open seven days a week from 7.00 am to 11.00 pm although these hours have been permitted under the special licences.

The Liquor Licence inspector sees no issue with processing a club liquor licence, noting that there is no history of any complaints having been received under the operation of a Special Licence in the interim term.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no financial considerations for Council. The Sale of Liquor Act provides for the property owner to sign the application for certificate of compliance to consent to sell and supply liquor from the premises before the District Licensing Authority processes the application. This consent is delegated from Council to the Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give the consent of the Council as Landowner/Head Lessor of the premises leased to the Union Rowing Club Inc and Canterbury Rowing Club Inc at Kerrs Reach for the District Licensing Authority to process an application by the sublessee, Sanjo's Pool Club Incorporated, for a Club Licence subject to the licensing hours being restricted to seven days a week 11.00 am to 11.00 pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.