

COMMITTEE REPORT

LICENSING COMMITTEE

28 July 2026

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION & HOUSING

Applicant: Cleveland Police

Ref.No. PR0086

Premises: Lounge Afrique, 25 Corporation Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 1LP

Premises Licence Holder: Mr Percy Quarcoo

Designated Premises Supervisor: Mr Jerry Edward Quarcoo

Application received: 27 July 2025

Summary of Current Licensable Activities:

Films, Recorded Music, Live Music, Performances of Dance, Late Night Refreshment, Sale of Alcohol on the premises

Hours for Licensable Activities:

9:00 to 2am Monday to Sunday (Films)

9.00am to 02:30am Monday to Sunday (Live Music, Performance of Dance, Late Night Refreshment, Sale of alcohol)

9.00am to 3am Monday to Sunday

1. Summary of Application

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application for a summary review of the premises licence for Lounge Afrique made by Cleveland Police on 27 July 2025 under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

A copy of the application from Cleveland Police, is attached at Appendix 1, and a copy of the existing premises licence is attached at Appendix 2.

2. Legislation

The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing Authority to carry out its

functions with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

The Licensing Authority must also have regard to its Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

The Licensing Act 2003 provides a procedure for a summary review of a premises licence by the Police for an expedited or 'fast track' review of a premises licence which authorises the sale of alcohol in cases where a senior police officer of the rank of superintendent or above gives a certificate indicating that in his/her opinion the premises are associated with serious crime and disorder or both. The procedure allows the licensing authority to respond by taking interim steps quickly, where appropriate, pending a full review.

3. Notification to Responsible Authorities and the Premises Licence Holder

A copy of the application has been served on the Responsible Authorities and the Premises Licence Holder.

4. Application advertised by the licensing authority: 27 July 2026

5. Background

These premises operate as a popular night-club in Middlesbrough Town Centre in the hub of the night-time economy. The premises have had the benefit of a premises licence under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 since 2014.

6. The Licensing Policy

Members are referred to the following relevant sections of the Council's Licensing Policy.

Prevention of Crime & Disorder	Pages 20-24
Reviews	Pages 47-50

And any other sections of the Policy which Members consider to be relevant.

7. Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003

Members are referred to the following relevant sections of the Guidance.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder	Starting at Paragraph 2.1
Summary Reviews	Starting at Paragraph 12.1

And any other sections of the Guidance which Members consider to be relevant.

8. Members' Options

The interim steps that Members must consider taking are:

- The modification of the conditions of the premises licence
- The exclusion of the sale of alcohol from the scope of the licence
- The removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence
- The suspension of the licence

If Members decide to take any steps at the interim stage then the decision takes immediate effect pending the full review hearing.

Should the Premises Licence Holder wish to make further representations to Members against any interim steps imposed at this hearing, the Premises Licence Holder may do so at any time prior to the full review hearing. If any such representations are received a further hearing will be arranged within 48 hours to allow for these representations to be heard.

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