This is an application for the Summary Review of a Premises Licence made under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003. The application has been made following a serious incident which occurred at Tower Pier at approximately 23:10 on Friday 25th October 2019. Full details of the incident and background information are as contained within the application.
Policy implications:

This is an Expedited Review of the premises licence and as such, there are no policy considerations.

1. Application

1.1 A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee has been called to consider an application submitted by Police Superintendent Ian Howells of the Metropolitan Police for a summary review of a premises licence under Section 53A (1) of The Licensing Act 2003.

1.2 When an application for a summary review is received, the Local Authority has a duty to hold a hearing to determine whether it is necessary to take one or more interim steps pending the determination of the Review (which must take place within 28 days of receipt of the application). The steps in question are detailed at paragraph 6.2 of this report.

1.3 The application has been made following an incident which occurred on 25th October 2019 at approximately 23:10 on Tower Pier. During this incident a large fight ensued which resulted in Police Officer being required to deal with the incident. Due to the level of violence Police Officers utilised PAVA incapacity spray, batons and an “urgent assistance” radio call for further Police resources.

1.4 The Metropolitan Police contend that the premises is associated with serious crime and serious disorder. A certificate signed by Detective Superintendent (Ian Howells) has been provided to this effect.

1.5 A copy of the application is attached as Annex A

1.6 A copy of the signed certificate is attached as Annex B

1.7 The Metropolitan Police have CCTV footage to accompany this Summary Review. This footage has been shown to the licensee and will be made available to the Licensing Sub-Committee.
2. Representations:

2.1 Given the short timescale within which the Licensing Authority has to consider an expedited review there is no consultation. This will take place for the full review hearing.

3. Current Licence:

3.1 The current Premises Licence was granted on 23rd December 2010.

3.2 Mr Trevor Bailey-Fogah has been the Premises Licence Holder since 23rd January 2015 and the Designated Premises Supervisor since 15th August 2014.

The licence authorises the following licensable activities;

**Live & Recorded Music, Performances of Dance, Entertainment Similar to Music/Dance and the Sale of Alcohol**
Monday to Sunday 07:00 – 01:00

**Late Night Refreshment**
Monday to Sunday 23:00 – 01:00

**Non-Standard Timings**
On no more than 12 occasions annually, the finishing time may be extended to 03:00 hours. Notice of each such occasion shall be given to the police and the licensing authority 10 days prior to the occasion (or such lesser time as may be agreed with the police).

A copy of the current premises licence is attached as Annex C.

A copy of the current plans are attached as Annex D.

4. Background History:

4.1 The premises is a floating vessel which is moored off Lambeth Pier. Customers can only gain access to and from the premises when it docks for boarding. As such the venue is not stationary and can travel to different areas of water, including but not limited to the length of the River Thames.

4.2 The Licensing Authority are aware of noise issues associated with this vessel. Records indicate complaints dating back to March 2016 and the most recent being received in July 2019. A meeting was conducted on 28th November 2018 to address these issues, during which a spokesperson for the affected residents and the licence holder were in attendance.

5. Observations:

5.1 Chapters 2 and 12 of the Section 182 Statutory Guidance (April 2018) are relevant to this application.
5.2 Section 53A Licensing Act 2003 Summary Review Guidance is relevant to this application.

6. Conclusion:

6.1 Members are required to consider the application in light of all the relevant information, and to decide whether (pending determination of the review of the premises licence) to take such steps mentioned at paragraph 6.2, if any, as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in the interim.

6.2 The interim steps that the licensing authority may consider taking are:-

1 – modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
2 – the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence.
3 – removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence; and
4 – suspension of the premises licence.

Appendices:

Annex A - Application form
Annex B – Certificate signed by Police Superintendent Ian Howells
Annex C – Current premises licence

Reference Documents:

1 The Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”)
2 Section 53A Licensing Act 2003: Summary Review Guidance (July 2012) (“the Guidance”)
3. Revised Section 182 Statutory Guidance (April 2018)