Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 30 March 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present:	Councillors Gary Collins (Chair), Shane Ralph and Graham Snell
Apologies:	Councillors
In attendance:	Evan Battershall Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer Charlotte Edwards, Principal Trading Standards Officer Dami Enifeni

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

58. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

59. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Ralph confirmed he is the ward councillor for the first item on the agenda.

60. Application for a Review of a Premises Licence

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting, on pages 5-38 of the report pack.

Members were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer. The Chair queried if this was the first time the party had appeared before the Committee. Councillor Ralph queried why the license holder was not present. There were no questions of the Licensing Officer from Trading Standards or the Applicant.

The Trading Standards Officer was then given the opportunity to present their case.

Members were provided the chance to ask questions of the Trading Standards Officer. There were none.

The License Holder presented their case.

Members and the Licensing Officer were provided the chance to ask questions of the applicant. There were none from the Licensing Officer. The Trading Standards Officer asked the License Holder a question about use of the refusals book.

The Licensing Officer then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee during which she outlined the options available to Members as mentioned within the report and the conditions which could be imposed.

The Trading Standards Officer provided a short summary of their case to Members.

The License Holder provided a short summary of their case to Members.

The Chair sought confirmation that everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened. The Legal Advisor read out the decision of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee agreed the premises license will continue operating with modified conditions.

61. Application for a Review of a Premises Licence

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting, on pages 39-74 of the report pack.

Members were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer. There were none. There were no questions of the Licensing Officer from Trading Standards or the Applicant.

The Trading Standards Officer was then given the opportunity to present their case.

Members were provided the chance to ask questions of the Trading Standards Officer.

The License Holder presented their case.

Members and the Licensing Officer were provided the chance to ask questions of the applicant. There were none from the Licensing Officer.

The Licensing Officer then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee during which she outlined the options available to Members as mentioned within the report and the conditions which could be imposed.

The Trading Standards Officer provided a short summary of their case to Members.

The License Holder provided a short summary of their case to Members.

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The meeting reconvened. The Legal Advisor read out the decision of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee agreed the premises license will continue operating with modified conditions.

The meeting finished at 8.18 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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