

## **Public Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 19 October 2022 at 7.00 pm**

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**Present:** Councillors Augustine Ononaji, Shane Ralph and Sue Sammons

**In attendance:** Applicant Minute Item 4  
Applicant Minute Item 6  
Ronan McManus, Senior Licensing Officer with Essex Police  
Simon Barnes, Licensing Officer with Essex Police  
Paul Adams, Licensing Manager  
Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer  
Rebecca Quinney Environmental Health Officer  
Simon Scrowther, Legal Representative  
Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being recorded, however as the items in front of the Sub-Committee were exempt it would be not be available on the Council's website.

### **Exclusion of The Public And Press**

Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 (Information relating to any individual) of Schedule 12A of that Act.

### **22. Nomination of Chair**

Councillor Ononaji nominated himself as Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee to Chair the Sub-Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Ralph and agreed by Councillor Sammons.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That Councillor Collins Chair the Sub-Committee**

### **23. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business declared. However the Chair advised that two additional reports were to be heard which had been submitted by Essex Police.

### **24. Declarations of Interests**

There were no interests declared.

## **25. Renewal Of A Private Hire Driver 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 outlined within the agenda on pages 5 to 76.

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

The applicant was then given the opportunity to present her case to Members.

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 he commented it was for the Sub-Committee to decide whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Driver's licence.

The applicant was asked to present a summary of her case to Members; during which she apologised to the Sub-Committee.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too, it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned at 7.21pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.38pm.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Sub-Committee agrees to refuse the Private Hire Drivers Licence.**

## **26. Application for a Summary 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 1-42 of the report pack.

Members and Essex Police were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer. There were none.

Mr McManus Senior Licensing Officer with Essex Police was then given the opportunity to present 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 he outlined the interim steps available to Members as mentioned with the report.

Essex Police were asked to present a summary of their case to Members.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned at 7.56pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 8.03pm.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Sub-Committee agree to the suspension of the licence.**

**27. Determination of Objection to a Temporary Event Notice**

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 1-28 of the report pack.

Members and all parties present were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr McManus Senior Licensing Officer with Essex Police was then given the opportunity to present their case.

There were no questions for Essex Police.

The Environmental Health Officer was invited to present her case, she advised Members that she had met with the applicant to discuss premises management and options on controlling noise following numerous noise complaints and routine visits made by officers.

There were no questions for the Environmental Health Officer.

The applicant was then asked to present his case to the Sub-Committee during which he stated he felt the company had a good working relationship with not only Thurrock Licensing and Environmental Protection but also with Essex Police.

All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant.

The Licensing Manager then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee during which he outlined the decisions available to the Sub-Committee.

Essex Police were asked to present a summary of their case to Members.

The Environmental Health Officer summed up her case.

During his summary to the Sub-Committee the applicant commented he felt the company had a good working relationship with Thurrock Council and Essex Police and as well as working with officers they would follow all plans to ensure the event would be a success.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned at 9.10pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 9.19pm.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Sub-Committee agree to reject the Temporary Event Notice.**

**The meeting finished at 9.21 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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