

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 9 August 2022 at 10.00 am**

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**Present:** Councillors Gary Collins, Tony Fish and Cathy Kent

**In attendance:** Applicant Minute Item14  
Ronan McManus, Senior Licensing Officer with Essex Police  
Simon Barnes, Licensing Officer with Essex Police  
Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer  
Simon Scrowther, Legal Representative  
Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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### **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.

#### **11. Nomination of Chair**

Councillor Collins nominated himself as Chair of the Licensing Committee to Chair the Sub-Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Fish and agreed by Councillor Kent.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

#### **12. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business declared.

#### **13. Declarations of Interests**

There were no interests declared.

#### **14. Application for a Summary Review of a Premises Licence – Interim Steps Representation Consideration**

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 34.

Members, Essex Police and the applicant were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr McManus then provided the opportunity to present the case on behalf of Essex Police.

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

The applicant was then given the opportunity to present his case.

The Licensing Officer summarised her case by advising Members they had heard submissions from Essex Police and from the applicant, it was therefore up for them to consider whether the interim steps were appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives; and to determine whether to withdraw or modify the steps taken.

Essex Police were then given the opportunity to summarise their case and in doing so commented they were unhappy that there was no management in place at the premises, the manager was not the Premises Licence Holder which did not comply with the licensing objectives.

The applicant was asked to summarise his case and in doing so stated he hoped Members could accept what he had already told them and had nothing further to add.

It was confirmed that all parties had said everything they wished too.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 10.40am for deliberations and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 10.52am.

**RESOLVED:**

**To revoke the suspension of the premises licence with immediate effect.**

**The meeting finished at 10.53am**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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