Public Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 10 November 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ben Maney, Shane Ralph and Graham Snell

In attendance: Applicant Minute Item 39

Legal Representative for the Applicant

Ronan McManus, Senior Licensing Officer with Essex Police

Simon Barnes, Licensing Officer with Essex Police

Paul Adams, Licensing Manager Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer

Environmental Health Officer for Thurrock Council Trading Standing Officer for Thurrock Council Leo Charalambides, Legal Representative

Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being recorded, however as the items were exempt the recording would not be made 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.

36. Nomination of Chair

Councillor Ralph nominated Cllr Maney to Chair the Sub-Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Snell.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Maney Chair the Sub-Committee

37. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business declared.

38. Declarations of Interests

There were no interests declared.

39. Application for a Summary Review of a Premises Licence and Application for a Review of a Premises Licence

At the start of the hearing, it was agreed by all parties that the evidence and submissions for both applications were substantially similar, and therefore it was agreed that the Sub-Committee could consider all the evidence in one session. It was highlighted that Members would be required to make three distinct and separate determinations.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing manager to introduce the report as outlined within the agenda on pages 5 to 302.

All parties were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Essex Police were then asked to present their case.

The Sub-Committee then heard from the Council's Environmental Protection and Trading Standards Officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.39pm and reconvened at 8.48pm

The Committee agreed to suspend standing orders at 8.15pm to allow the agenda to be completed.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee then invited the Legal Representative for the applicant to present his case on behalf of his clients.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.56pm and reconvened at 10.00pm

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

Environmental Protection and Trading Standards were given the opportunity to provide a short summary to the Sub-Committee, during which both officers stated they had nothing further to add.

The Legal Representative for the applicant was asked to give a summary of his case.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned at 10.15pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 10.20pm.

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee agreed:

- For the summary review to revoke the premises licence,
- That the interim step of suspension is to continue and;
- Following the review of the premises licence, the premises licence is also revoked.

The meeting finished at 11.28pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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