



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
LICENSING (HEARINGS) SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Pickering (Chair)

Councillor Cassidy

Councillor Mohammed

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**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Pickering was appointed as Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were recorded as a true and accurate record.

**5. PRIVATE SESSION**

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **Paragraph 1**

Information relating to an individual.

### **Paragraph 2**

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

### **Paragraph 7**

Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

B1) Application for a Review of an Existing Premises Licence - Lifestyle Express, 29 Halford Street, Leicester

## **6. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PREMISES LICENCE - LIFESTYLE EXPRESS, 29 HALFORD STREET, LEICESTER**

Prior to the start of the hearing, the Sub-Committee was informed that while Mr Reza Ashori, the sole Director of Wine City Limited, the company which is the Licence Holder of the premises, had been notified of the hearing and the change of venue, he informed a licensing officer in the morning of the hearing that he decided not to attend. The Sub-Committee applied regulation 20(1) of the Licensing Act 2003(hearings) Regulations 2005 which states:

*If a party has informed the authority that he does not intend to attend or be represented at a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.*

The hearing was started at 10:30am.

Councillor Pickering, as Chair led on introductions and outlined the procedure the hearing would follow.

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report for a review of an existing premises licence for Lifestyle Express, 29 Halford Street, Leicester.

PC Jefferson Pritchard was present having made representations on behalf of Leicestershire Police. Also present were the Team Manager (Regulatory Services) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee. Jubayda Rahman and Lynsay Coupe from the Licensing Team were present as observers.

The Team Manager (Regulatory Services) presented the report and outlined details of the application.

PC Pritchard was given the opportunity to outline the details of the Police representation and answered questions from Members.

All parties present were then given the opportunity to sum up their positions and make any final comments.

The Sub-Committee received legal advice from the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee in the presence of all those present and were advised of the options available to them in making their decision. The Sub-Committee were also advised of the relevant policy and statutory guidance that needed to be taken into account when making their decision.

In reaching their decision, Members felt they should deliberate in private on the basis that this was in the public interest, and as such outweighed the public interest of their deliberation taking place with the parties represented present, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

The Chair announced that the decision and reasons would be announced in writing within five working days. The Chair informed the meeting that the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee would be called back to give advice on the wording of the decision.

The Sub-Committee recalled the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to give advice on the wording of the decision.

RESOLVED:

As a result of the representations made to Committee, it was satisfied that the representations by Leicestershire Police engaged the licensing objectives relating to the crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm and members of the Sub-Committee accordingly determined that in light of the evidence presented to it, it was appropriate and proportionate to **REVOKE** the licence.

The Premises Licence Holder would be informed of their right to appeal the decision within 21 days of receiving the decision.

## **7. PUBLIC SESSION**

The meeting was restored to public session.

## **8. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - AMIGO GRILL, 27 NARBOROUGH ROAD, LEICESTER**

Councillor Pickering, as Chair led on introductions and outlined the procedure the hearing would follow.

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report on an application for a new premises licence for Amigo Grill, 27 Narborough Road, Leicester.

The applicant Ms Haleema Khatoon Khan and Mr Andy Pattni, the manager of

the premises, were in attendance. Also in attendance was PC Jefferson Pritchard, Leicestershire Police. Also present were the Team Manager (Regulatory Services) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee. Jubayda Rahman and Lynsay Coupe from the Licensing Team were present as observers.

The Team Manager (Regulatory Services) presented the report and outlined details of the application.

A representation was received on 17 November 2025 from the Police. The representation related to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. The representee was concerned that the premises is located within an area of special interest as referred to in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. The applicant did not refer to this policy and the application was very vague and lacked any mitigating measures to promote the licensing objectives.

A second representation was received on 9 December 2025 from the Noise team. The representation related to the prevention of public nuisance. The representee was concerned that the late hours requested would increase noise from the ventilation at the premises, delivery vehicles and people noise which may impact the nearby residents. They have been in contact with the applicant and have agreed conditions.

PC Pritchard, Police Constable for Leicestershire Police, was given the opportunity to outline the details of their representation and answered questions from Members.

Mr Pattni, on behalf of the applicant, was given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee and answered questions from the Members.

All parties present were then given the opportunity to sum up their positions and make any final comments.

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**RESOLVED:**

The Sub-Committee's decision is that it is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to **REFUSE** the application.

**REASONS**

The Sub-Committee determine that the failure of the applicant to address the Statement of Licensing Policy in relation to the premises being in an area of special and the failure of the applicant to set out in detail what steps would be taken to promote each of the 4 licensing objectives was fatal to the application. The Sub-Committee did not consider that the applicant had put forward sufficient information in the application for it to have confidence in the applicant's ability to promote the licensing objectives and manage premises which proposed to open until 5am in a challenging environment.

The Sub-Committee did have due regard to the need to promote growth and deliver economics benefits and did consider whether the application could be granted subject to conditions. However, the committee decided that it was inappropriate for it to impose conditions when consultations between responsible authorities and the applicant had not taken place and neither party had been given an opportunity to make representations on the enforceability of any conditions and whether any conditions set by committee would proportionate, justifiable and capable of being met.

The Sub-Committee believed that applicant to be a responsible person and encouraged her to consult with the Police and other responsible authorities and make a further application complying with the applicable legislation, statutory guidance and the Council's statement of licensing policy.

Any appeal against the decision must be made within 21 days to the Magistrates Court.

**9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:22pm.