

Minutes of the Meeting of the LICENSING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 10:00 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Dr Barton (Chair)

Councillor Adatia

Councillor Cank

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1 Appointment of Chair

Councillor Barton was appointed as Chair.

The Chair welcomed those present and led on introductions.

2 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th June 2025 were confirmed as a correct 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 they involve 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 was considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 1

Information relating to an individual.

Paragraph 2

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

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

Paragraph 7

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

6 Personal License Review

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report that required Members to determine the review of a personal licence issued by this authority.

The Personal License Holder and his wife were present. Bobby Smiljanic, Team Manager (Regulatory Services) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee were present.

The Team Manager (Regulatory Services) presented the report and outlined the details of the application, including the relevant City Council guidelines.

The Personal License Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and answered questions from Members and Officers.

All parties present were 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 considered 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 present.

The Chair announced that the decision and reasons made during private deliberation would be publicly announced in writing within five working days.

The Chair informed the meeting the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee would be called back to give advice on the wording of the decision.

The Chair then asked all but Members of the Sub-Committee and Democratic Support Officers to leave the meeting. the Sub-Committee then deliberated in private 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:

That the Personal Licence NOT TO BE REVOKED at this stage, notice will now be given under section 132A(10) of the Licensing Act 2003 to the Chief Officer of Leicestershire Constabulary inviting representations regarding whether the Personal Licence should be suspended or revoked having regard to the crime prevention objective.

Leicestershire Constabulary may make representations within the period of 14 days beginning with the day the notice is received. The Committee will thereafter consider the matter again and reach a decision.

The Personal Licence Holder would be provided with the reasons for the decision in writing within five working days.

All parties would be advised of the right to appeal the decision.

7 Any Other Urgent Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:45am.