



Leicester
City Council

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

Held: THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2015 at 9:30 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Shelton

Councillor Westley

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Clarke was elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Clarke declared an Other Disclosable Interest as he knew the name of one of the people making a representation.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct the interest was not considered so significant that it was likely to prejudice Councillor Clarke's judgement of the public interest. Councillor Clarke was not therefore required to withdraw from the meeting during consideration and discussion on the item.

4. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE: CULTURA, 106 QUEENS ROAD, LEICESTER

The Director, Local Services and Enforcement, submitted a report that required Members to determine an application for a new premises licence for Cultura, 106 Queens Road, Leicester, LE2 3FL.

Members noted that representations had been received in respect of the

application, which necessitated that the application had to be considered by Members.

Mr R. Lewis, the applicant was present together with his representative/ partner Ms A Setterfield. Also present was the Licensing Team Manager and the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee.

Introductions were made and the procedure for the meeting was outlined to those present.

The Licensing Team Manager presented the report. There were no questions on the report from members or the applicant.

None of the persons who had made representations were present at the meeting.

Mr Lewis was then given the opportunity to respond to the points made and answer questions from Members.

Mr Lewis was then given the opportunity to sum up his position and make any final comments.

Prior to Members considering the application, the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee advised Members of the options available to them in making a decision. Members 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.

The Licensing Team Manager, the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee, Mr Lewis and Ms Setterfield then withdrew from the meeting.

Members then gave the application full and detailed consideration.

The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee was then recalled to the hearing to give advice on the wording of the decision.

The Licensing Team Manager, Mr Lewis and Ms Setterfield then returned to the meeting.

The Chair informed all persons present that they had recalled the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee for advice on the wording of their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a new premises licence for Cultura, 106 Queens Road, Leicester, LE2 3FL be granted with conditions consistent with the operating schedule and the conditions in

Appendix C, with an addition in the final condition to read: 'The Licence Holder will ensure licensable activities in the outside area, including the balcony, will cease at 21.30 hrs.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching their decision the Sub-Committee Members said that, this is a premises that has undergone improvements, necessitating this new application. The conditions on the existing licence, with a minor addition are a necessary and proportionate response to these improvements.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.20 am.