

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

Held: WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2015 at 9:30 am

<u>PRESENT:</u>

Councillor Thomas (Chair)

Councillor Dr Barton

Councillor Westley

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6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Thomas was elected as Chair for the meeting.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Fonseca was unable to attend the meeting due to personal reasons. Councillor Barton had agreed to replace Councillor Fonseca on the Sub-Committee and had received the agenda and report prior to the meeting. (NB. The composition of the Sub-Committee is any three members of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.)

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business to be discussed. No such declarations were made.

9. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE: GOOD EURO FOOD, 664 AYLESTONE ROAD, LEICESTER, LE2 8PR

The Director, Local Services and Enforcement, submitted a report that required Members to determine an application for a new premises licence for Good Euro Food, 64 Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PR

Members noted that a representation had been received in respect of the application, which necessitated that the application had to be considered by Members.

Ms Inesa Arhipova, the applicant, was present. Also present was the Licensing

Team Manager and the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee. The Licensing Team Manager reported that the person making the objection had indicated that that she would not be present at the meeting.

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

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

Ms Arhipova outlined the reasons for the application and addressed the concerns contained in the objection that had been made. The steps taken by the applicant to address these concerns were included in the Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule contained at Appendix C of the report. The applicant then answered questions from Members.

Ms Arhipova was then given the opportunity to sum up 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, and Ms Arhipova 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 and Ms Arhipova 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 Good Food Euro be granted with the conditions consistent with the operating schedule attached at Appendix C of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the application met all the licensing

objectives. In considering the objection, it was felt that the applicant had satisfied the Sub-Committee that the concerns raised in the objection would not be realised as a result of the proposals put forward by the applicant.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.05 am.