

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

Held: MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023 at 10:00 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Cank (Chair)

Councillor Westley

Councillor Whittle

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8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Cank as Chair, led on introductions.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR CHURCH GATE RESTAURANT

Councillor Cank, as Chair welcomed all to the Committee and outlined the proceedings of the hearing.

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report on an application for the review of an existing premises licence for Churchgate Restaurant, 29 Churchgate, Leicester.

Mr Estifanos, the Licence Holder and DPS was in attendance. Also present was PC Pritchard and PC McCaffrey from Leicestershire Police, the Licensing Team Manager (Policy and Applications) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Team Manager (Policy and Applications) presented the report.

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

Mr Estifanos was given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee and answered questions from the Police, Members and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee.

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

Mr Estifanos confirmed that he had understood what had been said at the hearing and that he had said everything he wanted to say to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee received legal advice from the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee in the presence of all those present and Members were advised of the options available to them in making their decision. The Sub-Committee was also advised of the relevant policy and statutory guidance that needed to be taken into account when making the 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 Chair then informed the meeting that all but the Democratic Support Officers should withdraw from the room. The Sub-Committee then deliberated in private to consider their decision.

In reviewing the Premises Licence the Sub-Committee considered the Licensing Officer's Report and all the representations, both written and oral. The Sub-Committee took account of the Statutory Guidance, the Regulators' Code, and the Council's Licensing Policy.

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

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee's decision is that it is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to REVOKE the Licence.

12. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR GOOD CHEF, 38 BELGRAVE GATE, LEICESTER

Councillor Cank, as Chair welcomed all to the Committee and outlined the proceedings of the hearing.

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report on an application for a new premises licence for Good Chef, 38 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE13GP.

The Applicant M.Selvi2020 Ltd was represented by its sole director Songul Selvi. In addition, 2 other local business owners and 1 member of the public were present in support of the application. Also present was PC Pritchard from Leicestershire Police, the Licensing Team Manager (Policy and Applications) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Team Manager (Policy and Applications) presented the report and outlined details of the application.

PC Pritchard was given the opportunity to outline the details of the representation from the Police and answered questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and the Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant was given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee and answered questions from the Members of the Sub-Committee.

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 GRANT the application for a Premises Licence subject to the condition detailed in Appendix C of the Licensing Officer's Report.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 1.17pm