



Leicester
City Council

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

Held: FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2024 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Pickering (Chair)

Councillor Pantling

Councillor Whittle

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6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Pickering was appointed as Chair.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th September 2023 has been circulated and members confirmed that they were a correct record.

10. 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 new premises licence – Unico Bar and Restaurant, 97 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB.

11. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - UNICO BAR AND RESTAURANT, 97 HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER LE1 1WB

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 Unico Bar and Restaurant, 97 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB.

The Applicant was in attendance. Also in attendance was Jefferson Pritchard, Leicestershire Police, and Matthew Robinson, Licensing Enforcement team. Also present was 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.

A representation was received on 1st December 2023 from Leicestershire Police. The representation related to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The Police were concerned about the applicant's suitability to be licensed due to lack of knowledge and lack of experience working in a licensed venue. They requested that the application be refused but should members be mindful to grant the licence have suggested conditions that could be attached to the licence.

A second representation was received on 1st December 2023 from the Licensing Enforcement team. The representation related to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The representee had concerns about the premises and the effects on the local community relating from details in the operating schedule. They had been in contact with the applicant and had

agreed conditions.

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

Mr Robinson, Licensing Enforcement Officer was given the opportunity to outline the details of their representation and answered questions from Members.

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.

The Applicant withdrew the application in the meeting.

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 a termination of hearing.

The Chair announced that the hearing was terminated.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

With there being no further business, the hearing closed at 10:44am.