

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

Held: TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2025 at 10:00 am

### PRESENT:

## Councillor Pickering (Chair)

Councillor Cank

Councillor Kennedy-Lount

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## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Pickering was appointed as Chair.

# 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

# 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meetings held 28 April 2025 and 14 May 2025 were recorded as a true and accurate 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 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 Review of an Existing Premises Licence - Mini Off Licence, 220 Narborough Road, Leicester, LE3 2AN

# 6. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PREMISES LICENCE - MINI OFF LICENCE, 220 NARBOROUGH ROAD, LEICESTER, LE3 2AN

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 review of an existing premises licence for Mini Off Licence, 220 Narborough Road, Leicester, LE3 2AN.

The Licence Holder of the premises, and his agent from Licence Leader Ltd, were in attendance. Also in attendance were Noel Cazley and Amelia Lewis from Trading Standards, and PC Jefferson Pritchard, Leicestershire Police. Also present were the Team Manager (Regulatory Services) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee.

The Team Manager (Regulatory Services) presented the report and outlined details of the application.

An application was received on 2 May 2025 from Trading Standards for a review of the existing premises licence for Mini Off Licence. The application was made on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. Trading Standards were concerned that non-compliant goods were found for sale at the premises and believed the licence holder was failing to promote and uphold two of the licensing objectives.

Leicestershire Police provided evidence to support the review application.

The agent for the licence holder proposed conditions to be added to the licence.

Mr Cazley, Trading Standards Officer, was given the opportunity to outline the details of their review application and answered questions from Members.

PC Pritchard, Police Constable for Leicestershire Police, was given the opportunity to outline the details of their evidence and answered questions from Members.

The Licence Holder and his agent were given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee and answered questions from the Members and officers.

All parties present were then 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 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 this 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 Sub-Committee recalled the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to give advice on the wording of the decision.

#### **RESOLVED:**

As a result of the representations made to the Sub-Committee, it was satisfied that the representations by Trading Standards and the Police engaged the licensing objectives relating to the crime and disorder and committee accordingly determined that in light of the evidence presented to it, it was appropriate and proportionate to **REVOKE** the licence.

The reasons for the decision would be provided in writing to all parties within five working days.

Any appeal against this decision must be made within 21 days of the date of this decision to the Magistrates Court.

#### 7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:03am.