



Leicester
City Council

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

Held: MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Dr Barton (Chair)

Councillor Cank

Councillor Cassidy

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Barton 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

That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 2nd June 2025 and 13th June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - ALL DAY STORE, 35A KNIGHTON LANE, LEICESTER LE2 8BG

Councillor Barton, as Chair led on introductions and outlined the procedure the hearing would follow.

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report for an application for a new premises licence for All Day Store, 35a Knighton Lane, Leicester LE2 8BG.

Mr Seyed Pooya Amadeh, the director of the applicant (All Day Store Ltd) and his agent Tony Clarke from Secure Licences, were in attendance. Also present

were the Team Manager (Regulatory Services), the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee and Ms Ra-Eesah Shaikh, an observer from Legal Services.

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

A representation was received on 18 August 2025 from a member of the public. The representation related to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. The representee was concerned that granting a licence from 07.00 until 23.00 would only add to the existing problems of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. They were also concerned that it would increase the problem of drink drivers as well as create even more problems with parking, stating that the area already had problems with people parking on the pavements, double parking and drivers making dangerous manoeuvres which was a risk to members of the public.

The representer was not present. Their representations were distributed to the Sub-Committee in written form and taken into considerations.

Mr Clarke and Mr Amadeh 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 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:

Members of the Committee considered each of the options available to them and decided to **GRANT** the application without modification.

REASONS

- The committee noted the concerns raised by the member of the public however it did not accept that there was evidence linking the licensing activities proposed to the crime and public nuisance said to be occurring in the area. The committee were satisfied that granting a licence would not add to or exacerbate any issues occurring in the area.
- The committee were entitled to look to the Police as the main source of advice on Crime and Disorder. The committee noted that the Police would have made representation if they had concerns about the applicant or the licensable activities proposed to be undertaken at the premises.
- The applicant had demonstrated that it could promote the licensing objective through the 'dry run' undertaken during the operation of the temporary event notices.
- The conditions offered through the operating schedule were sufficient to address any concerns and promoted the licensing objectives.

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

6. APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - SPICE FUSION RESTAURANT, 26 MELTON ROAD, LEICESTER (ADJOURNED FROM 21 AUGUST 2025)

Councillor Barton, as Chair led on introductions and outlined the procedure the hearing would follow.

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report for an application for a new premises licence for Spice Fusion Restaurant, 26 Melton Road, Leicester.

The applicant Mr Arvind Faquir and his agent Mr Anil Bhawsar from Licensing Hub were in attendance. Also in attendance were PC Jefferson Pritchard, Leicestershire Police. Also present were the Team Manager (Regulatory Services) and the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee. Sergeant Nick Golden, Leicestershire Police, and Ms Ra-Eesah Shaikh, Legal Services attended the hearing as observers.

This application was previously listed for hearing on 21st August but was adjourned due to a lack of evidence linking the applicant to the premises or to the company The Spice Fusion 1 limited. At the time of the hearing the applicant was said to be the chef at the premises, and it was unclear as to who was going to be responsible for undertaking the licensable activities applied for at the premises. Following the adjournment the applicant was added as a director of the company on 21st August 2025. A copy of an undated lease had been submitted by way additional information. The lease was in the name of an applicant and a co-director.

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

A representation was received on 14th July 2025 from Leicestershire Police. The representation related to all four licensing objectives. The Police were stating that the applicant had indicated on the operating schedule how they would support the licensing objectives, but with little detail.

A representation was received on 16th July 2025 from a member of public. The representation related to all four licensing objectives. The representee was the owner of a property comprising of four flats and was objecting on behalf of his tenants, who were very concerned about the application. They were concerned the approval of the application would result in loud music playing until late every night, which would severely disturb sleep and wellbeing of the residents. The sale of alcohol until late was likely to encourage loitering, noise, inappropriate language, smoking, littering and violent behaviour. Young children and elderly would potentially be exposed to intoxicated individuals, particularly at night. The representee added that there was already a dance bar located behind the flats that caused noise and disturbance, and adding a licenced premises nearby would only worsen an already difficult living situation for the residents.

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

Mr Bhawsar was given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee and answered questions from the Members and officers.

All parties were 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, the Sub-Committee 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 confirmed 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 asked all but Members of the Sub-Committee and Governance Services Officers to withdraw from the meeting. Members then deliberated in private to consider their decision.

The Sub-Committee recalled the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to give advice on the wording of the decision. The observer from Legal Services also returned at that time.

RESOLVED:

Members of the Committee considered each of the options available to them and decided to **GRANT** the application subject to the conditions agreed between the applicant and Leicestershire Police and subject to the licence commencement being delayed until the applicant had been confirmed as the Designated Premises Licences Holder for these premises.

REASONS

- The committee were satisfied that the refined conditions agreed between the applicant and Leicestershire Police and submitted to the Licensing Authority would address the concerns raised by Leicestershire Police and Fame Properties.
- The committee were satisfied that the agreed operational hours together with the controls on the terminal hours for the licensable activities would promote the licensing objectives.
- The committee were satisfied that the agreed conditions were proportionate, justifiable and capable of being met.

CONDITIONS

- 1) *The opening hours of the premises to the public:*

Sunday to Thursday from 09:00-23:30 hours.

Friday & Saturday from 09:00-00:30 hours.

Seasonal Variations:

24th December from 09:00-01:30 hours.

25th December from 09:00-01:30 hours.

31st December from 09:00-01:30 hours.

UK Bank Holidays from 09:00-01:30 hours.

(The use of temporary event notices (TEN's) for specified dates during Diwali)

- 2) *Recorded music (indoors only) daily between 09:00-23:00 hours*
- 3) *Alcohol must not be sold or supplied other than to persons who are seated, are taking a substantial table meal and provided always that the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals.*
- 4) *The licence holder shall ensure the supply of alcohol ceases no later than 30 minutes before closing to the public. Only a reasonable amount*

of alcohol will be supplied which is capable of being consumed within the required time period.

- 5) *The licence holder shall ensure the supply of late-night refreshments cease no later than one hour before closing to the public:*

Sunday to Thursday from 09:00-22:30 hours.

Friday & Saturday from 09:00-23:30 hours.

Seasonal variations (see dates above)

- 6) *Last take away food orders to be taken half an hour prior to the terminal time of the late-night refreshments.*
- 7) *Staff will receive training to support the licensing objectives at a minimum of every 6 months and this training will be recorded evidencing who attended. The staff training record will be signed by the attendee and the Designated Premises Supervisor.*
- 8) *Customers will not be permitted stand and consume alcohol within the premises. ie - Vertical drinking is prohibited.*
- 9) *A Challenge 25 Policy will be adopted with the only acceptable proof of age identification consisting of a current passport, photo card driving licence or identification carrying a PASS logo. A training record must be kept on the premises, retained for 12 months from the date of the incident and produced to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.*
- 10) *Conditions consistent with the submitted operating schedule.*

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

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other urgent business, the meeting closed at 11:27am.