

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 21st January, 2025
Time of Commencement: 10.45 am

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Present: Councillor David Hutchison (Chair)

Councillors: Wright

Apologies: Councillor(s) Dymond

Substitutes: Councillor Gill Heesom

Officers: Melanie Steadman Licensing Enforcement Officer
 Julie Moore Licensing Enforcement Officer

Also in attendance: Ciaran Rankin Deans Court Chambers
 Robert Thomas Environmental Health Officer
 PS James Finn Staffordshire Police Licensing
 The Premises Manager
 The Applicant Counsel

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Resolved: That Cllr Hutchison be appointed as Chair.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received as listed above.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

4. **APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE, WHICH HAS RECEIVED RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS**

The Sub-Committee considered an application to vary a premises licence.

Relevant representations had been received, one of which supported the application, the other two being from the Police Licensing and Environmental Health Departments who respectively objected on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the application, the report, the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy. They heard the counsel for the applicant and the operations manager at the premises as well as representatives of the Police Licensing and Environmental Health Departments.

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The counsel of the applicant advised that the applicant had reflected and wished to propose an alternative application to the sub-committee including new timings and conditions which would further uphold the licensing objectives and improve the control of members of the public within the town as a whole.

The applicant also proposed that a probationary licence be granted to prove their ability to adhere to the conditions and uphold the licensing objectives.

The licensing sub-committee carefully considered the new proposals and representations received along with the report, the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.

- Resolved:**
- 1) That the application be granted with modifications to the conditions agreed and communicated to the license holder.
 - 2) That the modified conditions amend the timings for licensable activities to take place with additional measures to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.
 - 3) That the modified conditions and timings be relevant for a period of 12 months only from the date that the licence was issued following the end of appeal period.
 - 4) That these conditions and timings cease to have effect, and the licence revert to its current state at the end of the 12-month period.

**Councillor David Hutchison
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 12.30 pm