

Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee Tuesday, 25th February, 2020

Attendance

Cllr Jakobsson

Cllr Kerslake

Apologies

Cllr Chilvers

Substitute Present

Cllr Mynott

Officers Present

Paul Adams	- Principal Licensing Officer
Caroline Harrison	- Licensing Officer
Dave Leonard	- Licensing Officer
Alastair Lockhart	- Corporate Governance Solicitor
Maria Moses	- Licensing Officer
Jean Sharp	- Governance and Member Support Officer

374. Appointment of Chair

Members **RESOLVED** that Cllr Jakobsson should chair the meeting,

375. Administrative Function

Members were respectfully reminded that, in determining the matters listed below, they were exercising an administrative function with the civil burden of proof, i.e. 'on the balance of probabilities'. The matter would be determined on the facts before the Sub-Committee and the rules of natural justice would apply.

376. Application to Vary the Premises Licence - The Vault, 91 Hutton Road, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8SD

An application had been received to vary the premises licence to extend the terminal hour for the provision of Films, Live Music, Recorded Music,

Performance of Dance, Supply of Alcohol and Late Night Refreshment on Friday, Saturday & Bank Holiday Sundays to 0145hrs on the following day with the premises being closed to the public by 0215hrs in respect of **The Vault, 91 Hutton Road, Shenfield, CM13 8YX**. One relevant representation had been received. Members were requested to determine the application having regard to the operating schedule, the representations received, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the four Licensing objectives.

The Licensing officer introduced the report and Mr Hopkins spoke on behalf of the applicant, Choice Shenfield Ltd. Members noted the contents of the letter of objection which had been received.

Members were satisfied that the agreed conditions, if adhered to, would promote the licensing objectives and granted the licence as applied for, subject to the conditions set out in Mr Hopkins' email of 10 February 2020.

377. Taxi Driver matter (Exempt)

The Sub-committee was asked to determine whether a driver should have their Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence revoked following a conviction for Plying for hire without a London taxi driver licence which they had not declared to Brentwood Licensing Officers. This was contrary to the Council's Licensing conditions.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and the driver and their partner addressed the sub-committee. Taking all available information into consideration Members decided to suspend the licence for six months and warned the driver that any further breaches of their licence would result in revocation.

378. Taxi Driver Matter (exempt)

The Sub-committee was asked to determine whether a driver should be able to obtain a duplicate badge for their taxi driver licence which had been suspended in November 2018 as they had not undertaken a DVLA check and had in fact moved away.

The application for a duplicate licence revealed that the driver had received a sixth month disqualification and this offence meant they now fell outside of council policy for issuing a licence.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and the driver addressed the sub-committee. Members noted the information provided and the Council's Licensing Policy and decided to revoke the licence.