

# Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee 1 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 10.00am In the Council Chamber at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

## **Agenda - Public Session**

(Meeting open to the public and press)

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. To report the appointment of any substitute Members for this meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
- To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 as a 4. correct record.

The following applications are to be considered under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003:-

- 5. Application for Review of a Premises Licence – Meadowlark Express, 115-116 Dibdale Road, Milking Bank (Pages 1 - 8)
- 6. Application for Review of a Premises Licence – News Express (The Wine Cellar), 15-17 Abbey Road, Gornal, Dudley (Pages 9 - 13)
- 7. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

**Chief Executive** Dated: 20th June, 2022

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## **Submitting Apologies for Absence**

• Elected Members can submit apologies by contacting Democratic Services (see our contact details below). Members wishing to appoint a substitute should notify Democratic Services as soon as possible in advance of the meeting. Any substitute Members must be eligible to serve on the meeting in question (for example, he/she must have received the training required by the Council).

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## Licensing Sub-Committee Procedure

- Chair to welcome parties and introduce Members and Officers
- Establish who the parties are and any representatives
- Chair to confirm that all parties have had disclosure of all documents that the Committee has before them and been allowed sufficient opportunity to read them prior to the meeting.
- Presenting Officer of the Local Authority or Solicitor to present the report to the Sub-Committee
- Relevant Authority to present their evidence and the Chair will then ask if any of the following have questions for the Officer:-
  - Objectors/or their representative
  - Applicant or representative
  - Sub-Committee Members and Legal Advisor
- Objectors or their representative/nominated person to present his/her case (including Ward Members)
  - Any witnesses to be called
  - Each witness to be questioned through the Chair in the following order:-

- Representative of objectors (if present), if no representative, the objectors

- The Chair will then ask the following if they have any questions for the representative or the objectors:-
  - Presenting Officer Local Authority (or Solicitor)
  - Applicant or Representative
  - Sub-Committee Members and Legal Advisor
- Applicant or representative to introduce his or her case
  - Any witnesses for the applicant to be called
  - Each witness to be questioned through the Chair in the following order:-
    - Representative of Applicant (if present)
    - Presenting Officer Local Authority/Solicitor
    - Relevant Authority
    - Objector or Representative
    - Sub-Committee Members and Legal Advisor
- Presenting Officer of the Local Authority/Solicitor to sum up.
- Objectors/Representative to sum up

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- Applicant or representative to sum up (must make final comments)
- Legal Advisor indicates to parties details of legal advice to be given to Sub-Committee
- Parties asked if they have had a fair hearing
- All parties, together with any members of the public to withdraw
- Sub-Committee to make their decision
- All parties invited to return and the Chair reads out the decision and the reasons for the decision.

