

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 4
Tuesday, 7th January, 2025 at 10.20am
On Microsoft Teams**

Present:

Councillor W Little (Chair)
Councillors P Lee and K Razzaq

Officers: -

N Slym (Assistant Team Manager (Licensing & Waste Enforcement)), G Gray (Democratic Services Officer) and the Legal Officer.

18. **Apology for Absence**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor R Priest.

19. **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was reported that Councillor K Razzaq had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor R Priest for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

20. **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct.

21. **Questions Under Council Procedure Rule 11.8**

There were no questions to the Chair pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

22. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual(s) as defined under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

23. **Application for a Personal Licence**

A report of the Director of Environment was submitted to consider an application for the grant of a personal licence.

Representatives from the West Midlands Police and the applicant were also in attendance at the meeting.

The Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) presented the report in detail on behalf of the Council.

Representatives from West Midlands Police outlined in detail the reasons for the objection submitted, in particular referring to past unspent conviction relating to the applicant, which in their view would undermine the Crime and Disorder Licensing Objectives should a personal licence be granted.

The applicant then made representations, and in doing so outlined the circumstances surrounding the conviction. The Applicant then responded to questions raised and comments made by the Sub-Committee and West Midlands Police accordingly.

All parties were provided with the opportunity to sum up their case, following which the Legal Officer provided an overall summary. At this juncture all parties withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

The Sub-Committee having made their decision invited the parties to return and the Chair outlined the decision.

Resolved

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided by the applicant at the meeting and the objections raised by West Midlands Police, the Sub-Committee determined that, in view of the seriousness of the offence, the circumstances surrounding the offence, together with the fact that the conviction remained unspent until 2029, and considering the obligations under the prevention of crime and disorder objective outlined in the Licensing Act 2003, the personal licence be refused.

The applicant was informed of their right to appeal the decision of the Sub-Committee to the Magistrates Court.

The meeting ended at 11.50am

CHAIR



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