

**Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee 3
Tuesday 20th December, 2022 at 11.10am
In the Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor A Taylor (Chair)
Councillors T Creed and K Finch

Officers:

N Slym – Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) (Directorate of Public Realm); R Clark – Principal Solicitor and K Taylor – Senior Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

8. Declarations of Interest

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

9. Application for a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit – Hollywood Bowl, Unit U100, Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill

A report of the Interim Director of Public Realm was submitted in respect of an application for the grant of a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit for five Category C machines and thirty-five Category D machines at the premises known as Hollywood Bowl, Unit U100, Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill.

The following persons were in attendance at the meeting:-

Mr E Macgregor (Solicitor – TLT LLP)

Mr T Stone (Head of Amusements – Original Bowling Company Limited Trading)

Mr D Lewis (Chief Operating Officer - Original Bowling Company Limited Trading).

Following introductions, the Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) presented the report on behalf of the Council, and it was noted that a map detailing the indicative location of the gaming machines was circulated to the Sub-Committee prior to the meeting.

Mr E Macgregor then presented the case on behalf of Original Bowling Company Limited Trading, and in doing so provided a background to the organisation and the premises, which once operational would provide twenty-four bowling lanes, a bar and dining facilities. The Sub-Committee were advised of the range of policies and procedures implemented by the organisation in dealing with Category C machines including extensive training programmes to ensure that staff were adequately trained, machines located in the correct position; appropriate signage displayed and the monitoring of the working condition of machines.

It was noted that digital Category C machines would be installed which required users to self-certify that they were not underage. All Category C machines would be positioned so that they were visible by all staff from the bar area and could be easily monitored. It was reported that whilst the number of Category D machines appeared excessive, this included a mix of player positions.

Resolved

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the grant of a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit for five Category C machines and thirty-five Category D machines at the premises known as Hollywood Bowl, Unit U100, Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill, be approved.

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10. **Application for Grant of Consent to Engage in Street Trading – Frank Smith (Dudley) Ltd – Dudley Town Centre**

A report of the Interim Director of Public Realm was submitted in respect of an application made by Mr M Smith, trading as Frank Smith (Dudley) Ltd for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading in Dudley Town Centre.

The Assistant Team Member (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) informed the Sub-Committee that having spoken to the applicant, there had been some confusion regarding the hearing, and therefore confirmed that he would be unavailable to attend the meeting and requested that the Sub-Committee consider the application in his absence or defer if there were any questions that required further clarification.

Having decided to hear the matter in the applicant's absence, it was

Resolved

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application made by Mr M Smith, trading as Frank Smith (Dudley) Ltd for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading in Dudley Town Centre, be approved.

11. **Application for House to House Collections Licence – City and Sport (Ukraine)**

A report of the Interim Director of Public Realm was submitted on an application for a House to House Collections Licence received from Clothing Connection Ltd on behalf of City and Sport (Ukraine).

The Assistant Team Member (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) informed the Sub-Committee that notification had been received from the applicant confirming that they would be unavailable to attend the meeting and requested that the Sub-Committee consider the application in their absence.

Having decided to hear the matter in the applicant's absence, it was

Resolved

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and that further information contained in Section 2(f) of the House to House Collection Act 1939 had not been provided, the application for the grant of a House to House Collections Licence in respect of Clothing Connection Ltd on behalf of City and Sport (Ukraine), be refused.

The meeting ended at 11.45am

CHAIR