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**Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

**Report of the Director of Environment**

**Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence**

**Ghana Black Star Supermarket, 4 Birdcage Walk, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, DY2 7BL.**

**Purpose**

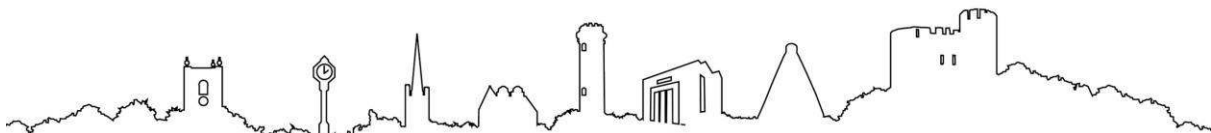
1. To consider the application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as Ghana Black Star Supermarket.

**Recommendation**

2. That the Sub-Committee determine the application for the grant of a premises licence in light of representations raised.

**Background**

3. On the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024, an application for the grant of a new premises licence was received from Mr Fred Nsiah Gyebi in respect of The Ghana Black Star Supermarket, 4 Birdcage Walk, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley. A copy of that application has been forwarded to all responsible authorities in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
4. The application had the following documents enclosed:-
  - Plan of the premises
  - Correct fee
  - Consent of the DPS



5. The application for a premises licence is as follows:

**Supply of Alcohol**

Monday - Saturday	07.00 until 22.00
Sunday	12.00 until 22.00

**Hours Open to the Public**

Monday – Saturday	07.00 until 22.00
Sunday	12.00 until 22.00

6. Confirmation that copies of the application form and supporting documentation have been served on the responsible authorities has been received.
7. Representations have been received from a Local Business, a copy of the representations have been forwarded to the applicant in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and are attached to this report as Appendix 2.

**Finance**

8. There are no financial implications.

**Law**

9. The law relating to the determination of applications for the grant of premises licence is governed by the Licensing Act 2003, part 3, section 18.
10. Pursuant to Section 18(3) of the Licensing Act 2003, where relevant representations are made the Licensing Authority must:-
- (a) hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
  - (b) having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing objectives.
11. Pursuant to Section 18 (4) the steps are:-

(a) to grant the licence subject to:-

(i) such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application modified to such extent as the authority considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and

(ii) any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence;

(b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;

(c) to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor;

(d) to reject the application

12. Pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 where an application (or any part of an application) is granted under section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Authority must immediately give notice to that effect to:-

1 (a) (i) the applicant

1 (a) (ii) any person who made relevant representations in respect of the application and

1 (a) (iii) the Chief Officer of Police for the police area in which the premises are situated and

1 (b) issue the application with the licence and a summary of it

13. Pursuant to section 23(2) where relevant representations were made in respect of the application, the notice under subsection (1)(a) must state the authority's reasons for its decisions as to the steps (if any) to take under section 18(3)(b).

14. Pursuant to section 23(3) where an application is rejected under section 18, the licensing authority must forthwith give a notice to that effect stating its reasons for the decision, to

(a) the applicant

(b) any person who made relevant representations in respect of the application, and

- (c) the Chief of Police for the police area or each police area in which the premises are situated
15. Where a Local Authority grant a licence under section 18 pursuant to schedule 5 of the Licensing Act, section 2 the holder of the licence may appeal against any decision:-
- (a) to impose conditions on the licence under subsection (2)(a) or 3(b) of that section, or
  - (b) to take any step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section (exclusion of licensable activity or refusal to specify person as premises supervisor)
16. Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend:-
- (a) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
  - (b) that, on granting the licence, the licensing authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions, or to have taken a step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section, he may appeal against the decision.
17. In pursuance of regulation 26(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations 2005) the Licensing Authority must make its determination within 5 working days of the conclusion of the hearing.
18. If the Licensing Authority refuse to grant the application, there is a right of appeal. The appeal under this part must be made to a Magistrates' Court pursuant to schedule 5 section 9 of the Licensing Act 2003.

### **Risk Management**

19. There are no risk management implications.

### **Equality Impact**

20. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
21. The licensing of premises and individuals will impact on children

and young people through their attendance at licensed premises.

22. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

### **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

23. There are no human resources/organisational development implications.

### **Commercial/Procurement**

24. There are no commercial/procurement implications.

### **Council Plan**

25. This application falls within the Council's statutory responsibility for Licensing as a direct link to the Council's Plan 2024- 2025 by improving our organisation and serving our borough by contributing and creating opportunities for all to thrive in a safe and healthy environment.

- Financial sustainability, efficiency and providing best value
- Governance and control
- Leadership and culture
- Delivering for our customers, residents and communities
- Supporting businesses and the local economy



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### **Appendices**

Application Form - Appendix 1  
Representations - Appendix 2

### **List of Background Documents**

None