

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 9 February 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Law (Chair), Kieran Harpham and Bob Pullin

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on Item 4 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION TO REVIEW A PREMISES LICENCE

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application made by Sheffield City Council Trading Standards under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003, for a review of a Premises Licence (Case No. 11/17).

4.2 Present at the meeting were David Palmer and Kenneth Webb (Trading Standards, Applicants), the Premises Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor (PLH/DPS), Interpreter assisting the PLH/DPS), Patrick Robson and Paul Henocq (John Gaunt and Partner, Solicitors, on behalf of the PLH/DPS), Prospective Purchaser of the Premises, Cheryl Topham (South Yorkshire Police), Julie Hague (Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board), Clive Stephenson (Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer), Samantha Bond (Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee) and John Turner (Democratic Services).

4.3 Samantha Bond outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

4.4 Clive Stephenson presented the report to the Sub-Committee, and it was noted that representations had been received from the Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board and South Yorkshire Police, and were attached at Appendix 'B' to the report.

4.5 David Palmer reported on the grounds as to why the application had been made by Sheffield City Council Trading Standards, referring to the sale of counterfeit cigarettes and illicit alcohol at the premises.

- 4.6 Cheryl Topham and Julie Hague made representations on behalf of South Yorkshire Police and the Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board, respectively.
- 4.7 Patrick Robson addressed the Sub-Committee on behalf of the PLH/DPS and he and the PLH/DPS, assisted by an interpreter, responded to a number of questions raised by Members of, and the legal adviser to, the Sub-Committee, and by David Palmer. Questions were also addressed to the prospective purchaser of the premises, who attended the meeting, and who responded accordingly.
- 4.8 RESOLVED: That the attendees involved in the application be excluded from the meeting before further discussion takes place on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if those persons were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.
- 4.9 Samantha Bond reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 4.10 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the attendees.
- 4.11 RESOLVED: That, in the light of the information contained in the report now submitted, the additional information now circulated and the representations now made, the Sub-Committee agrees to revoke the Premises Licence (Case No. 11/17).

(The full reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision will be included in the written Notice of Determination.)