

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 29 June 2020

(NOTE: This meeting was held as a remote meeting in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.)

PRESENT: Councillors Karen McGowan (Chair), Dawn Dale and Mick Rooney

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Douglas Johnson.

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 paragraph 7 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 FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Ref No. 39/20).

4.2 Present at the meeting were the applicant, Catherine Jarvis and James Ketteringham (South Yorkshire Police), Julie Hague (Sheffield Safeguarding Children Partnership), Marie-Claire Frankie (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee), Jayne Gough (Licensing Policy and Strategy Officer) and John Turner (Democratic Services).

4.3 Marie-Claire Frankie outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

4.4 Jayne Gough presented the report to the Sub-Committee, and it was

noted that representations in respect of the application had been received from South Yorkshire Police, Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership and the Health Protection Service, and were attached at Appendix 'B' to the report. Sean Gibbons (Health Protection Service) was not able to attend the meeting, and his representations, which had been omitted from the agenda pack, had been circulated to all parties prior to the meeting.

- 4.5 James Ketteringham reported on the objections of South Yorkshire Police to the application, referring to the information contained in the papers, and circulated prior to the meeting, which highlighted a number of issues with regard to the operation of the premises. Mr Ketteringham stated that, as well as all the incidents now referred to, the police did not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to be granted a licence.
- 4.6 Mr Ketteringham responded to a number of questions raised by Members of the Sub-Committee with regard to the representations now made.
- 4.7 The applicant put forward his case, providing an explanation as to the incidents now referred to, stressing that despite the issues, he was willing to work with the responsible authorities in connection with the operation of the premises.
- 4.8 The applicant responded to a number of questions raised by Members of, and the Solicitor to, the Sub-Committee, Jayne Gough, Julie Hague and James Ketteringham.
- 4.9 All the parties present summarised their cases.
- 4.10 Jayne Gough reported on the options available to the Sub-Committee.
- 4.11 **RESOLVED:** That the attendees involved in the application, apart from Julie Hague, 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 paragraphs 2 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.
- 4.12 Julie Hague reported on a number of incidents relating to safeguarding, which she could not report in front of the other attendees on the basis that the people involved could be identified.
- 4.13 Julie Hague then left the meeting.
- 4.14 Marie-Claire Frankie reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.

- 4.15 RESOLVED: That, in the light of the contents of the report now submitted, together with the additional information circulated and the representations now made, including the responses provided to the questions raised, the application for a premises licence in respect of the premises now mentioned be not granted (Ref No. 39/20).

(The decision will be relayed to all interested parties following the meeting and the full reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision will be included in the written Notice of Determination.)