

#### SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Licensing Sub Committee Report

Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
Licensing Act 2003
Matt Proctor
To consider an application to grant a premises licence made under the Licensing Act 2003.
Green City Coffee, Unit 1, Kelham Island, Sheffield, S3 8SD
That members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps, as the Sub Committee consider necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.
Attached documents
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### REPORT OF THE CHIEF LICENSING OFFICER Ref No 12 / 14 (HEAD OF LICENSING) TO THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE LICENSING ACT 2003

#### Green City Coffee, Unit 1, Kelham Island, Sheffield, S3 8SD

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider an application for the grant of a premises licence made under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

#### 2.0 THE APPLICATION

- 2.1 The applicant is Mr James Green.
- 2.2 The application, which was received on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014, is attached to this report labelled Appendix 'A'. Any blank pages have been omitted to save paper, but the original application will be available at the hearing.

#### 3.0 REASONS FOR REFERRAL

3.1 Representations concerning the application have been received from the following:-

2 No. public objections

Appendix 'B'

- 3.2 Officers have unsuccessfully attempted to resolve the objections. Copies of relevant correspondence in this regard are included within appendix 'B'.
- 3.3 Both the Environmental Protection Service and the Health Protection Service have agreed licence conditions with the applicant. These conditions are attached at appendix 'C'.
- 3.4 The applicant and objectors have been invited to attend the hearing. Copies of the front page of the notices are attached to this report labelled Appendix 'D'.

#### 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this application. However, additional costs may be incurred should the matter go to appeal. In such an eventuality it may not be possible to recover all these costs. The impact of these additional costs (if any) will be kept under review and may be subject of a further report during the year.

#### 5.0 THE LEGAL POSITION

- 5.1 The Licensing Act 2003 at section 4 (1) requires the Licensing Authority to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives which section 4(2) sets out as:
  - a) the prevention of crime and disorder,
  - b) public safety.
  - c) the prevention of public nuisance,
  - d) the protection of children from harm.

5.2 Section 4(3) of the Licensing Act also requires the Licensing Authority to have regard to the published statement of Licensing Policy and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.

#### 6.0 HEARINGS REGULATIONS

- 6.1 Regulations governing hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 have been made by the Secretary of State.
- 6.2 The Licensing Authority has provided all parties with the information required in the Regulations to the 2003 Act as set out at Appendix 'D'.
- 6.3 Attached at Appendix 'D' is the following:
  - a) a copy of the Notice of Hearing;
  - b) the rights of a party provided in Regulations 15 and 16;
  - c) the consequences if a party does not attend or is not represented at the hearing
  - d) the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

#### 7.0 APPEALS

7.1 The Licensing Act 2003 section 181 and Schedule 5 makes provision for appeals to be made by the applicant and those making representations against decisions of the Licensing Authority to the Magistrates' Court.

#### 8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Members carefully consider the representations made and take such steps as the Sub Committee consider appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.

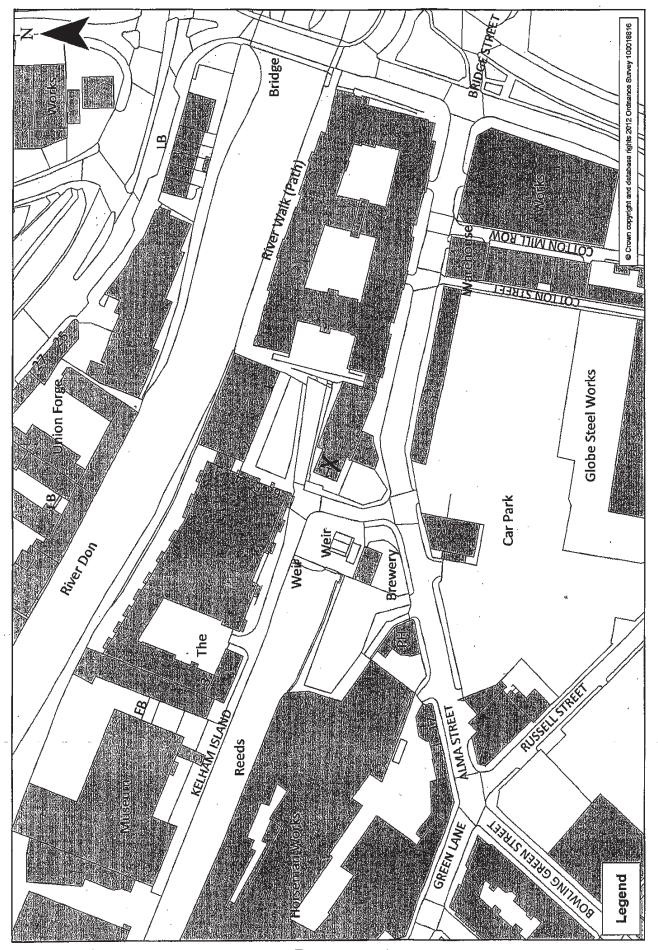
#### 9.0 OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

- 9.1 To grant the premises licence in the terms requested.
- 9.2 To grant the premises licence with conditions.
- 9.3 To reject the whole or part of the application.

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# Appendix A The Application

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### Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003



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a) General - all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

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b) The prevention of crime and disorder

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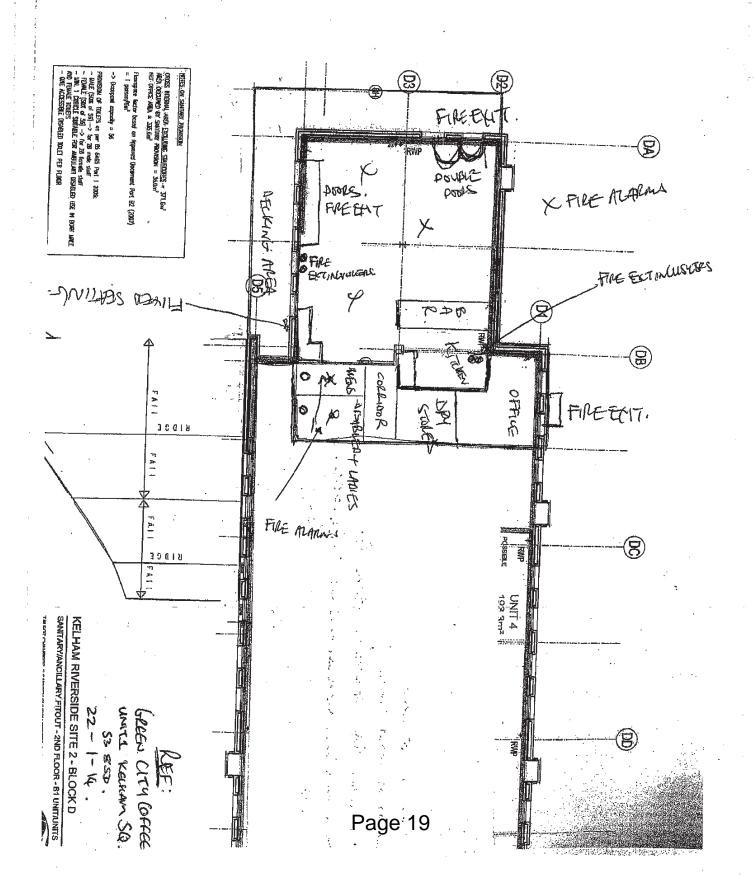
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## Appendix B

2 No. Public Objections

From: Licensing(General)
Sent: 11 February 2014 09:39
To: Gough Jayne (CEX)

Subject: FW: Green City Coffee licensing application

From: babak ghobadi [mailto:

■@yahoo.co.uk

Sent: 10 February 2014 21:26 To: Licensing(General)

Cc: khodam

Subject: Green City Coffee licensing application

Hello there.

My name is Babak Ghobadi and I live at Millau apartment next to Green City Coffee. I am writing to you in relation to licensing application by Green City Coffee requesting longer opening hours and also sale of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises and live and recorded music till late evening. I would like to take this opportunity and raise my objection for this licensing application. My objection is on the basis of "Public safety", "The prevention of public nuisance" and "The prevention of crime and disorder" as combination of opening till late evening with serving alcohol and music will fuel anti social behaviour in very residential area. This will deny our right of having peaceful and safe evening as it causes annoyance to neighbours around the premises.

These issues could be worsened as there would be more drunken member of public during late night hanging around the residential area on top of the existing one who are already using nearby premises (i.e. Fat Cat and Chimney House). Furthermore, if groups tend to congregate outside on the front of the premises (which it appears they will do so) to smoke or drink, then this would be impeding the carriageway so that members of the public have to walk on the road and feel threatened when passing the premises due to drunken behaviour. Most of these activities can fall under both the public safety and the public nuisance category. As I have mentioned above we have already got a regular problem during weekend's early hours of morning when drunken groups leaving Fat Cat and Chimney House nearby.

As the result, I would like you to take the consideration of the above points and reject this application in order to keep all the residence of Kelham Island safe and in peace as there are already enough of these premises nearby doing the same.

Yours sincerely,

Babak Ghobadi

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#### Gough Jayne (CEX)

From:

babak ghobadi < @yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: To: 11 February 2014 22:41 Gough Jayne (CEX)

Subject:

Re: Green City Coffee licensing application

Hello Jayne,

Thanks for your email and also time you have spent over the phone to give me more information in relation to above licensing application. As we have discussed over the phone earlier today, I am still looking to object this application from Green City Coffee on the ground of the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. Green City Coffee is only around 10 meter away from our bedroom window and this makes it very difficult for us as residence to have a quite and peaceful night during week night and especially weekends. We have already have problem with nearby premises in this area which are open till late and Green City Coffee will make it very very difficult for us if granted this license. I would like you to take this to your consideration that this area (Kelham Island) is heavily residential and should stay this way during evening for us (as residents) to have at least some quality and peaceful family time on our homes.

yours sincerely,

Babak Ghobadi

On Tuesday, 11 February 2014, 10:27, Gough Jayne (CEX) <Jayne.Gough@sheffield.gov.uk> wrote: Hello Mr Ghobadi,

Thank you for your comments regarding the above mentioned premises licence application. May I take this opportunity to give you more detail about the application.

The alcohol sales are intended to be connected directly with dining as the applicant wishes to provide more of a Bistro style premises in an evening, which is why his closing times are only 22:30 hours, and not any later in line with the surrounding public houses.

The music provision is only intended to be acoustic folk type music as he wishes to keep this in keeping with the nature of the premises, and it is agreed that the premises is not to be run like a 'pub' by the Health & Safety department as the facilities of the premises cannot allow this. I understand your concerns as the premises is so close to residential properties, so I hope this information can help your understanding of what the applicant is hoping to do. If you wish to still formally object to this application with this information in mind, please contact

me back directly so I can add it to the file.

Kindest regards

Jayne

#### Jayne Gough Licensing Officer

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Business Strategy and Regulation
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Team E Mail: general.licensing@sheffield.gov.uk

From: Licensing(General)
Sent: 11 February 2014 12:40

To: Gough Jayne (CEX)

Subject: FW: Green City Council. Unit 1, Kelham Island, S3 8SD

From: JM R [mailto:

**Sent:** 11 February 2014 11:51 **To:** Licensing(General)

Subject: Green City Council. Unit 1, Kelham Island, S3 8SD

Dear Sir

I wish to object to the above licensing application on two grounds:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The premises to which the application applies is directly opposite (50 yards) from a residential development, with over 150 dwellings. There is also a development of 12 apartments underway directly above the Green City Coffee premises. Any resulting noise from customers exiting the premises late at night is certain to disturb those residents, in addition to the volume of the live and recorded music that is being played. We already have students congregating on the steps outside the premises in the early hours of the morning and this will just add further to the disturbance which residents here already have to put up with.

Secondly, parking. There is already a significant parking problem in Kelham Square and the approach road to the Kelham Island Musueum - which is double yellow lines throughout and where no parking is permitted. This has been discussed recently with local councillors and the Parking Services group at SCC. Some of the illegal parking is from customers visiting the cafe during the day - extending the opening hours and licensing will only add to this problem and the parking situation in Kelham Island is undoubtedly due to get worse due to the closure of the Alma Street Car Park and the other housing developments underway in this area.

Yours faithfully

John Rannigan

Rialto, 1 Kelham Square, Sheffield S3 8SD

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#### Gough Jayne (CEX)

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From:

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Sent: To:

11 February 2014 13:05 Gough Jayne (CEX)

Subject:

RE: Green City Council. Unit 1, Kelham Island, S3 8SD

Thank you Jane for the further information. However, I still believe that the very close proximity of the premises to residential property and the parking issue I raised could still raise significant problems for local residents. Could you therefore please put my objection forward to the Licensing Committee.

Kind Regards John Rannigan

From: Jayne.Gough@sheffield.gov.uk

To: <u>@hotmail.com</u>

Subject: RE: Green City Council. Unit 1, Kelham Island, S3 8SD

Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2014 12:52:11 +0000

Dear Mr Rannigan,

Thank you for your comments regarding the above mentioned premises licence application. May I take this opportunity to give you more detail about the application.

The alcohol sales are intended to be connected directly with dining as the applicant wishes to provide more of a Bistro style premises in an evening, which is why his closing times are only 22:30 hours, and not any later in line with the surrounding public houses.

The music provision is only intended to be acoustic folk type music as he wishes to keep this in keeping with the nature of the premises, and it is agreed that the premises is not to be run like a 'pub' by the Health & Safety department as the facilities of the premises cannot allow this. I understand your concerns as the premises is so close to residential properties, so I hope this information can help your understanding of what the applicant is hoping to do. If you wish to still formally object to this application with this information in mind, please contact me back directly so I can add it to the file.

Kindest regards Jayne

#### Jayne Gough

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# Appendix C

**Agreed Conditions** 

#### Gough Jayne (CEX)

From:

Licensing(General)

Sent:

18 February 2014 14:15

To:

Gough Jayne (CEX)

Subject:

FW: PL App; Green City Coffee Ltd

From: Pates Neal

**Sent:** 18 February 2014 14:13

To: Licensing(General)

**Cc:** Pitts Steven; <u>james@greensinteriors.com</u> **Subject:** PL App; Green City Coffee Ltd

RE: Green City Coffee Ltd, Unit 1 Kelham Square, Kelham Island - New PL app

Dear Licensing,

Could you please ensure that the following three conditions volunteered by the applicant Mr James Green are included in the new Premise Licence, assuming it progresses at Committee (see email chain below).

- All doors and windows shall be closed, save for access and egress; when regulated entertainment is present in the premises.
- The DPS or a designated member of staff must take a pro-active approach to noise control, regularly and
  frequently checking outside the premises to ensure that the breakout of internal noise and noise from patrons
  using the external areas is managed so as not to cause a nuisance to occupiers of adjoining and nearby
  residential properties.
- Live and recorded music shall be moderated to a style and character in accordance with the agreed
  operational details (i.e. acoustic/folk style music) such that amplified music with a heavy bass content is not
  played, so as to avoid noise nuisance to occupiers of adjoining properties due to structure borne noise.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,

Neal Pates

Neal Pates Environmental Protection Officer Environmental Protection Service Sheffiled City Council 2-10 Carbrook Hall Road Sheffiled S9 2DB

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From: James Green [mailto:james@greensinteriors.com]

Sent: 18 February 2014 14:04

To: Pates Neal

Subject: Re: Premises Licence application,

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I am happy to accept your conditions and will ensure to comply and be pro-active with noise control.

kindest regards

**Business Strategy & Regulation** 

Director of Business Strategy & Regulation: Mick Crofts

**Health Protection Service** 

2-10 Carbrook Hall Road • Sheffield • S9 2DB

Fax No. (0114) 273 6464

Officer: Mr S Pitts Ref: GreenCity/rl Tel: 0114 273 4616 Date: 12 February 2014

James Green 56 Glenalmond Road SHEFFIELD S1 7GX

**Dear Sirs** 

Licensing Act 2003
Application for a Premises Licence

Premises: Green City Coffee, Unit 1 Kelham Square, Sheffield S3 8SD

Thank you for the additional information in which you remove dancing from the application and confirm you wish a capacity of 40 covers presently, however, at this stage, I have no alternative than to make a formal representation (objection) as the Responsible Authority towards public safety.

I will require the proposed conditions set out below to be imposed on the new premises licence and my representation will be withdrawn subject to the conditions being agreed.

- 1. A residual current device (RCD) must protect the electrical power serving amplified music equipment.
- 2. The provision of alcohol shall be ancilliary to the provision of food.

I would be grateful if you would confirm, as a matter of urgency, whether or not your client is prepared to agree to these conditions.

Other issues that require your attention that are not proposed to be conditions:

- 1. Anti-slip mats are required in the main entrance.
- Anti-slip surface treatment is required to the external decking.
- 3. Highlight the nosings to the steps on the external decking.

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Large print versions of this letter are available by telephoning Page 27 (0114) 273 4415/273 5774

# Appendix D Hearing Notices / Regulations / Procedures

## Notice of hearing of representations in respect of the following application: LA03 Premises Licence Application



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Mr James Green
Glenalmond Road
Sheffield
S11 7GX

The Sheffield City Council being the licensing authority, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 received your application in respect of the premises known as Green City Coffee, Unit 1, Kelham Square, Kelham Island, Sheffield, S3 8SD.

During the consultation period, the Council received representations from the following authorities / interested parties:

2 No. public representations / objections

on the likely effect of this application on the promotion of the licensing objectives, should it be granted.

The Council now **GIVES YOU NOTICE** that representations will be considered at a hearing to be held in a meeting room at Sheffield City Council, The Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH, on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10am**; following which the Council will issue a notice of determination of the application.

The documents which accompany this notice are the relevant representations which have been made, as defined in Section 35(5) of the Act.

The particular points on which the Council considers that it will want clarification at the hearing from a party are as follows:

- 1) Your response to the representations made, upon which you may ask and be asked questions by the parties to the hearing.
- 2) You may also be asked questions by the parties to the hearing, relating to your application for a licence.

Please complete the attached form LAR1 and return it to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council, Block C Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD within five (5) working-days before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

Dated: 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	Signed: _	Matt Proctor	
		The officer appointed for this purpose Licensing Officer	

Please address any communications to: Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council, Block C Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD.



**D2** 

### Notice of hearing of representations in respect of the following application: <u>Application to Grant a Premises Licence</u>

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The Sheffield City Council being the licensing authority, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 received an application in respect of the premises known as;

#### Green City Coffee, Unit 1, Kelham Island, Sheffield, S3 8SD

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Dated: 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	Signed:Matt Proctor
	The officer appointed for this purpose
	Licensing Officer

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Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C, Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD.

General.licensing@sheffield.gov.uk

#### **LICENSING ACT 2003**



D3

### Notice of hearing of representations in respect of the following application: Application to Grant a Premises Licence

Mr John Rannigan
Rialto
1 Kelham Square
Sheffield
S3 8SD



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	Licensing Officer

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Licensing Service, Sheffield City Council Block C, Staniforth Road Depot Staniforth Road Sheffield S9 3HD.

#### Right of attendance, assistance and representation

15. Subject to regulations 14(2) and 25, a party may attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

#### Representations and supporting information

16. At the hearing a party shall be entitled to -

- (a) in response to a point upon which the authority has given notice to a party that it will want clarification under regulation 7(1)(d), give further information in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable),
- (b) if given permission by the authority, question any other party; and

(c) address the authority

#### Failure of parties to attend the hearing

- 20. (1) If a party has informed the authority that he does not intend to attend or be represented at a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.
  - (2) If a party who has not so indicated fails to attend or be represented at a hearing the authority may:—
    - (a) where it considers it to be necessary in the public interest, adjourn the hearing to a specified date, or
    - (b) hold the hearing in the party's absence.
  - (3) Where the authority holds the hearing in the absence of a party, the authority shall consider at the hearing the application, representations or notice made by that party.
  - (4) Where the authority adjourns the hearing to a specified date it must forthwith notify the parties of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned.

#### Procedure at hearing

- 21. Subject to the provisions of the Regulations, the authority shall determine the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 22. At the beginning of the hearing, the authority shall explain to the parties the procedure which it proposes to follow at the hearing and shall consider any request made by a party under regulation 8(2) for permission for another person to appear at the hearing, such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 23. A hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority and cross-examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considers that cross-examination is required for it to consider the representations, application or notice as the case may require.
- 24. The authority must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights provided for at regulation 16.
- 25. The authority may require any person attending the hearing who in their opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may
  - (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or
  - (b) permit him to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but such a person may, before the end of the hearing, submit to the authority in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

#### <u>Licensing Act 2003 – Hearing Procedure – Regulation 7 (1)</u>

This procedure has been drawn up in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 to assist those parties attending Licensing Committee hearings.

- 1. The hearing before the Council is Quasi Judicial.
- 2. The Chair of the Licensing Committee will introduce the Committee and ask officers to introduce themselves.
- 3. The Chair will ask the applicants to formally introduce themselves.
- 4. The Solicitor to the Committee will outline the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- 5. Hearing Procedure:-
  - (a) The Licensing Officer will introduce the report.
  - (b) Questions concerning the report can be asked both by Members and the applicant.
  - (c) The Licensing Officer will introduce in turn representatives for the Responsible Authority and Interested Parties who will be asked to detail their relevant representations.
  - (d) Members may ask questions of those parties
  - (e) With the leave of the Chair the applicant or his representative may cross examine the representatives of the Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties.
  - (f) The applicant/licensee (or his/her nominated representative) will then be asked to:-
    - (i) detail the application;
    - (ii) provide clarification on the application and respond to the representations made.
  - (g) The applicant/licensee (or his/her nominated representative) may then be asked questions by members and with the leave of the Chair from the other parties present.
  - (h) The applicant will then be given the opportunity to sum up the application.
  - (i) The Licensing Officer will then detail the options.
  - (j) There will then be a private session for members to take legal advice and consider the application.
- 6. The decision of the Licensing Committee will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made there under.
- NB: 1) At any time in the Licensing Process Members of the Committee may request legal advice from the Solicitor to the Committee. This advice may be given in open session or in private.
  - The Committee Hearing will be held in public unless and in accordance with the Regulations the Committee determine that the public should be excluded.

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