

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 24 January 2013

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), Vickie Priestley and Geoff Smith

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Philip Wood attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - UNIT 4, SIDNEY STREET, SHEFFIELD, S1 4RG

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider a notice of objection submitted by Environmental Protection Services relating to a temporary event notice for the premises known as Unit 4, 77 Sidney Street, Sheffield S1 4RG.

4.2 Present at the meeting were Daniel Metcalfe (Applicant), Paul Thornton (Environmental Protection Officer), Claire Bower and Matthew Proctor (Licensing Officers), Louise Slater (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee) and Jennie Skiba (Democratic Services).

4.3 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

4.4 Matthew Proctor presented the report to the Sub-Committee and it was noted that the objection to a Temporary Event Notice by Environmental Protection Services was attached at Appendix "A" to the report.

4.5 Paul Thornton reported that his objection to this application was on the grounds that this event is likely to cause a noise nuisance to occupants of nearby residential properties. He stated that the Environmental Protection Service had received numerous complaints regarding excessive noise breakout from the premises when previous temporary events had been held. He added that the main problem is weakness in the structure of the building of 77 Sidney Street which has proved to be unsuitable to adequately control noise from the type of music events held. Mr. Thornton stated that sound attenuation from Unit 4 proved to be the most difficult due to its design. He said that fewer complaints had been received relating to Units 1 and 2.

- 4.6 In response to questions, Mr. Thornton stated that Noise Abatement Notices had been served in the past, but these Notices apply to individual applicants and not to premises.
- 4.7 Daniel Metcalfe stated that he had been responsible for running an event in Unit 2 but had never applied to use Unit 4. He outlined a proposed sound management plan at the Unit which he felt would control noise levels and cause no disturbance at all to local residents. He was aware that the majority of complaints related to noise from the rear of the premises and he produced to Members the general layout of the Unit and showed a different layout inside the room where he intended to install a stud wall using high density materials which would create a gap so that sound would bounce back into the room.
- 4.8 He added that he was willing to work with the Environmental Protection Service prior to holding the event so that testing of his sound systems could take place and that during the event he would take a decibel metre reading hourly to ensure that noise was not increased and if it was, he would take measures to reduce the sound immediately.
- 4.9 RESOLVED: That the public and press and attendees involved in the hearing 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.
- 4.10 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 4.11 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the public and press and attendees.
- 4.12 RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee acknowledges the Temporary Event Notice, allowing the event to go ahead on the proposed date in the terms requested.

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