

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held on Thursday, 9 May 2019 at 10.42 am in F10, Town Hall, Katharine Street,
Croydon CR0 1NX

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Chris Clark (Chair);
Councillors Niroshan Sirisena and Robert Ward

Also Present: Michael Goddard (Licensing Manager)
Nicola Thoday (Solicitor and Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee)
Kieran Pantry-Melsom (Democratic Services)

Apologies: None.

PART A

11/19 **Appointment of Chair**

Councillor Robert Ward nominated Councillor Chris Clark.
Councillor Niroshan Sirisena seconded the motion.

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Clark as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

12/19 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none.

13/19 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

14/19 **Gambling Act 2005: Application for Premises Licence - Adult Gaming Centre**

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered whether to grant the application for an Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence at 91 High Street, Thornton Heath CR7 8RY and the representations received as contained in the report of the Executive Director 'Place'. The Sub-Committee also considered the verbal representations made at the hearing by 4 objectors, a local ward councillor, the applicant and their representatives. The applicant, on request, also provided additional information in the form of Company Policies and Staff Training materials.

It was noted that the applicant consented to the introduction of new oral evidence from two members of the public who had not previously made representations.

It had also been noted that the Police withdrew their representations as the applicant amended their application to have conditions added to the licence and to a reduction of the premises operating hours.

The Sub-Committee is of the view that the existing regulation of and adherence to the Gambling Commission Guidance and Codes of Practice ensures the Applicant is a responsible operator and that gambling is conducted in a fair and proper way.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Applicant will have a:

- Think 25 Policy,
- Appropriate staff training in place,
- an effective self-exclusion Scheme and test purchase regime.

The Sub-Committee made their decision with reference to the licensing objectives under the Gambling Act 2005, relevant Codes of Practice (issued by the Gambling Commission under section 24 of the Act) and the Council Statement of Principles.

The Sub-Committee did not take into consideration:

- the commercial aspects of the business
- concerns about indirect harm to children, as distinct from their entering the premises and taking part in gambling on-site
- the planning regime or
- personal, moral or ethical views on gambling.

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to Grant this application.

The relevant conditions will be placed on the Licence. This included those suggested by the Police and those mandatory and default conditions specified by the Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) Regulations 2007.

The Sub-Committee took the opportunity to remind the objectors that should they be of the view that the Licensing Objectives are not being promoted or adhered to they could apply for a Review of the Licence.

In closing this meeting, the Sub-Committee also thanked the applicant and objectors for their thoughtful contributions and the respectful manner in which the hearing had been conducted.

15/19 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

This was not required.

The meeting ended at 1.37 pm

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