

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Sub
Committee held at Council Chamber,
Surrey Heath House on 29 August 2018**

+ Cllr Ruth Hutchinson
+ Cllr Adrian Page

+ Cllr John Winterton
+ Cllr Valerie White (Reserve Member)

+ Present

- Apologies for absence presented

In Attendance: Jessica Harris-Hooton, Solicitor
Surendra Panchal, Personal Licence Courses Ltd
Derek Seekings, Senior Licensing Officer
Harpreet Singh, Applicant

1/LS Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Adrian Page be elected Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

2/LS Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3/LS Licensing Sub Committee Procedure

The Sub Committee and attendees noted the procedure that would be followed during the hearing.

4/LS Application to Grant a Premises Licence - Bargain Beer and Wine, 126 Frimley Road, Camberley, GU15 2QN

The Sub-Committee was informed that the hearing had been convened to decide an application for a premises license for Bargain Beer and Wine, 126 Frimley Road, Camberley, GU15 2QN.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the application had been correctly completed and the application had been advertised, and responsible authorities notified, in line with statutory regulations.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the information presented, both written and oral, from:

- the Licensing Officer who outlined the issues;
- the Applicant
- the interested parties (1) who submitted written representations; together with reference to the Licensing Objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, particularly noise nuisance, and Protection of Children from Harm, the Council's own Licensing Policy and the Secretary of State's guidance.

The Sub Committee noted that no representations had been received from any of the Responsible Bodies. The Sub-Committee noted that one representation had been received from a member of the public which made reference to:

Crime and Disorder/Prevention of Public Nuisance

- Noise disturbance to those living on or in the immediate vicinity of the Frimley Road.
- Anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the parade of shops along the Frimley Road.
- The risk of littering

The Sub-Committee also took note of the fact that:

- A Challenge 25 Policy would be strictly implemented by the business. It was clarified that there was a typographical error in Section 18, part e, bullet point 1 of the application. This should read 'A Challenge 25 policy will be in force, where any person looking under the age of 25 shall be asked to prove their age when attempting to purchase alcohol...'
- To ensure that the training manual was kept up to date and the applicant was fully appraised of any changes to policy and legislative changes that might impact on his business Personal Licence Courses UK Ltd had been contracted to provide the business with regular updates.
- A contract would be in place to ensure that any waste generated by the premises was collected and disposed off appropriately.

In reaching their decision, the Sub Committee took into consideration the representation made in relation to the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. However, it was considered that the concerns did not meet the threshold that would undermine the relevant licensing objectives. From the representations made, the Sub Committee had confidence that the Applicant would trade as a responsible body, with a clear plan and policies in place to deal with any issues.

The decision making process was a matter of judgement by the Sub Committee and having weighed all the evidence provided by the interested parties and the Applicant the evidence came down clearly in favour of granting the variation. The Applicant had clearly addressed their minds to the processes and policies required to ensure that the licensing objectives were promoted. It had to be recognised that whilst the interested parties raised objections under the 4 licensing objectives, the objections had little evidential support and when weighed in the balance carried little weight.

On balance, the Sub Committee decided that granting the variation, would not have an adverse impact on the promotion of the four licensing objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, and Protection of Children from Harm. The Sub Committee found no evidence to justify refusing the application.

RESOLVED that the application to grant the licence in respect of Bargain Beer and Wines, 126 Frimley Road, Camberley, GU15 2QN be approved subject to such conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule, with the wording of the Licence conditions to be determined by the Licensing Officer and the Chairman of the Committee in order to ensure enforceability.

Chairman