



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Statutory Licensing Sub Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Lilian Hopkin Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
Y V Jardine

Councillor(s)
P Lloyd

Officer(s)

Annie Davies

Licensing Officer

Craig Davies

Lead Lawyer

Samantha Jenkins

Democratic Services Officer

Rachel Loosemore

Operational Lead - Licensing

Darren Murphy

Licensing Officer

Also present

N Evans – South Wales Police

RMP – Applicant

AM – Applicant's Representative.

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): None.

1 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

2 Statutory Licensing Sub Committee Procedure (For Information).

The Lead Lawyer presented the Statutory Licensing Sub Committee Procedure, for information.

3 Exclusion of the Public.

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as

amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

Resolved that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

(Closed Session)

4 Licensing Act 2003 Part 6, Application for a Personal Licence - RMP.

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and all parties present introduced themselves.

The Licensing Officer reported on the application for a personal licence in respect of RMP received on 29 April 2024. Specific reference was made to Schedule 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 at Appendix A. The application for a personal licence was outlined at Appendix B together with the objection notice that had been received from South Wales Police, at Appendix C.

PC Evans, Police Licensing Officer, outlined the objections to the application on behalf of South Wales Police in regard to undermining the licensing objectives of crime and disorder and public safety.

The Lead Lawyer clarified dates within the representations from South Wales Police.

RMP, accompanied by AM, explained the circumstances of the application and other relevant information and answered the questions of both Members and the Lead Lawyer relating to those matters.

It was **Resolved** that the press and public be excluded from the hearing in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Licensing Act (Hearings) Regulations 2005, to enable the Sub-Committee to take legal advice.

(Closed Session)

Members discussed the issues relating to the application.

(Open Session)

The Lead Lawyer advising the Sub-Committee gave a comprehensive overview of the legal advice tendered.

The Chair indicated that the Sub-Committee had considered the application and representation made and the needs and interests of all parties in terms of the Council's Statements of Licensing Policy, statutory guidance and the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Sub-Committee **Resolved** to **Refuse** RMP's application for a Personal Licence.

Reasons for decision

The Sub-Committee were of the opinion that there were no exceptional circumstances to deviate from the Guidance.

The meeting ended at 10.39 am

Chair