Minutes of: LICENSING HEARING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 9 June 2021

Present: Councillor S Walmsley (in the Chair)

Councillors T Holt and J Lewis

Also in J Witkowski (Legal) attendance: M Bridge (Licensing)

Public Attendance: S. Faud & K. Richard

Apologies for Absence: B. Thomson, Head of Public Protection

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by B. Thomson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Licensing Hearing Panel held virtually on the 19th April 2021 were attached to the agenda.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the LHP held virtually on the 19th April 2021 be approved as a correct record.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 IN RESPECT OF THE DEN, NEW VICTORIA MILLS, WELLINGTON STREET, BURY, BL8 2AL

The applicant for the premises (The Den, New Victoria Mills, Wellington Street, Bury, BL8 2AL) is Den Contracts NW Limited, Manor House, St Thomas's Road, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1HP. At the time of the application, no proposed Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) had been identified.

The application is for the grant of a Premises Licence under Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003:

The Applicant had complied with all the necessary procedural requirements laid down by the Act.

Representations were received within the appropriate period by the Licensing Authority.

All written representations were contained within the written submissions provided in the report to the Panel.

All documentary evidence provided with the agenda pack comprising the application, the report and representations were served on all parties in advance of the hearing.

The Licensing Manager, Mr M. Bridge reported that a request for an adjournment of the meeting in the public interest had been submitted by the applicant.

Miss S. Faud representing the applicant provided Members and Officers present with background information as to why an adjournment was requested, explaining that due to her annual leave and her colleague's paternity leave, further meetings and discussions to resolve the concerns raised by the third party representations, were still required. It was hoped that an adjournment would allow further time to reach agreement.

The Council's legal representative provided advice as to the licensing regulations which allow for an extension of time to deal with these matters where it is in the public interest to do so and also the power to adjourn to a specified date.

FINDINGS

The following facts were found:

The panel was satisfied that an extension of time was in the public interest and would allow for mediation between interested parties to meet the licensing objectives.

Delegated decision

1. That the Licensing Sub Committee Hearing having heard representations and having received legal advice agreed unanimously that the hearing be adjourned to allow extra time for mediation between interested parties in the public interest to the 7th July 2021.

COUNCILLOR S WALMSLEY Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 1.00 pm and ended at 1.14 pm)