

Decisions taken by the Licensing Committee on Tuesday, 28 January 2025

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes	Agreed.
A2	Declarations of Interests	Councillor Atkinson declared that she was a Deptford ward member.
A3	Sip City Lounge 189 Deptford High Street SE8 3NT	<p>1. Sip City Ltd (“the Applicant”) applied for a new Premises Licence on 14th December 2024 for Sip City, 189 Deptford High Street, Deptford London SE8 3NT (“the Premises”).</p> <p>2. The application was made by the Director of the company and advertised in accordance with Reg. 25 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005. The ‘blue notice’ at the Premises did not initially include the Seasonal Variation and so the last date for representations was extended to 5th January 2025. The Sip City currently operates under a premises licence, including for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises from 11:00 to 23:00 hours.</p> <p>The particulars proposed for the new licence were: Sale of Alcohol for consumption on and off the premises: 11:00 – 00:00 Sunday – Wednesday 11:00 – 01:00 Thursday – Saturday</p> <p>Late Night Refreshment: 23:00 – 00:00 Sunday – Wednesday 23:00 – 01:00 Thursday – Saturday</p> <p>Regulated Entertainment - Recorded Music/Films/anything of a similar description to Live Music, Recorded Music or Performances of dance: 11:00 – 00:00 Sunday – Wednesday 11:00 – 01:00 Thursday – Saturday</p>

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		<p>Opening hours: 30 minutes after the end of licensable activities to allow for orderly closure of premises.</p> <p>Seasonal Variation: Applying to all the above activities: New Years Eve to be extended to 03.00 New Years Day. On any Sunday where the Monday is a bank holiday the hours are extended to 01.00 on the Monday Morning.</p> <p>3. No representations were received from the Local Authority or the Police, but a series of proposed conditions had been added to the application with their approval. Written representations were received from 10 members of the public. 4 were in support of the application and 6 were raising objections on promotion of the four licensing objectives.</p> <p>4. The Licensing Committee held a hearing on 28th of January 2025 to consider the Application. 4 of the 6 local residents who had raised objections to the grant of the licence attended to speak to their written representations. None of the 4 persons who had made representations in support attended the meeting. The applicant was represented by the agency Complete Licensing, and James Hoffelner attended along with Dave Nevitt, environmental health and safety consultant. Felicity Sobers also attended and spoke on behalf of the Applicant company.</p> <p>5. In making its decision the Committee has considered all the papers contained in the report pack and submitted documents, together with the oral submissions and evidence presented on behalf of the Applicant and the Residents at the hearing. The committee also considered the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-25 and the latest Home Office Statutory Guidance, revised in December 2023.</p> <p>6. The Committee's decision is to grant the application in the terms submitted. Its reasons for doing so are as follows:</p>

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		<p>a. The Committee noted the incidents of anti-social behaviour, noise and public nuisance reported by residents, along with management failures, including to deal properly with reports and complaints. Some of the incidents were clearly serious but seemed to arise from one-off events rather than the regular operation of the premises.</p> <p>b. The current licence holder had only been involved since last summer, since when there had been a change in management. Condition 19 requires a direct phone number to the manager be available to local residents and businesses, when the premises were open.</p> <p>c. There was a new dispersal policy to control how patrons leave the premises to minimise the noise and disruption to local residents.</p> <p>d. The rear lounge, which had previously been the source of noise coming from the premises had been better enclosed and sound proofed at some expense to the operator.</p> <p>e. Condition 15 requires a noise limiter be fitted to control all musical amplification equipment set at a level required by an authorised officer of Lewisham Council to prevent nuisance to residents. Installation of the noise limiter is a pre-condition for operating under the licence.</p> <p>f. Some of the objectors had conceded that the conditions had been produced by people with professional expertise, and they attempted to address the problems that had arisen. Their doubts remained as to whether the conditions would be adhered to in practice. The Committee observed that if the licence conditions were not complied with it was open for anyone to instigate the licence review process. It was a remedy that had been used previously for licenced premises in the Borough.</p> <p>7. There is a right of appeal against this decision. Any appeal should be made to the Magistrates' court within 21 days beginning with the day on which the Appellant was notified of the decision.</p>

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