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MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE, held on THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022 and held remotely at 7pm. Items 1 and 3 were open to the press and public. Item 4 was closed

Present

Councillor Wise (Chair) Councillor Anifowose (Vice Chair) Councillors, Brown Howard, Huynh, Jackson, Hayes, Kestner, Shrivastava and Warner.

There were no apologies

Also Present

Richard Lockett – Safer Communities Service Senior Licensing Officer
Alfene Rhodes - Safer Communities Service Licencing officer
Matt Lewin – Counsel Legal Representative
Jay Kidd Morton – Senior Lawyer

Silks 177 – 181 Rushey Green Catford SE6 4BD

Applicant - Metropolitan Police

P.C Gillian Pearce
P.C Simon Butler
Michael Feeney - Barrister
Ram Dutta – Paralegal – Metropolitan Police

Respondents

David Dadds – Licensing Lawyer representing Silks
Sharna Johnson - Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)
Obi and Alpro - Silks

1. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 24 August 2022 be confirmed and signed.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Mr Dadds did not agree that proceedings should be held in private. Along with the DPS he left the meeting and did not take any further part in the proceedings.

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information:

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4.1 The following is a summary of the discussion during the closed session.

4.2 The Chair said that it had come to her attention that further material had been served on the Clerk by the Metropolitan Police that they wished to rely on in their application for a review of Silks' premises licence. She had not had sight of this material but she had been advised by the Legal Advisor and Clerk to the Committee that this material was both relevant and pertinent to the matter to be decided, and therefore, it was right that Members should have sight of this also in making their decision. However, she was equally aware of and concerned that the rights of Silks were not trampled in the process. She considered and knew that it was right, they should be given sufficient time to consider this material and be in a position to make proper representations.

Therefore, subject to the strong advice of Mr Lewin, she was minded to adjourn this hearing until 27 October 2022 at 7pm. And gave the following directions:

- 1) The Metropolitan Police to serve their additional material that they wish to rely on Silks and the Clerk by no later than 4.30pm on Friday 14 October 2022.
- 2) Silks in response, to serve upon the Metropolitan Police and the Clerk, their Response and any supporting material they intend to rely by no later than 4:30pm on 21 October 2022.
- 3) Any information served less than 7 days before the date of the hearing listed would not be considered.

4.3 This proposal was agreed unanimously by all members of the Licensing Committee

RESOLVED that consideration of the application for a review of the premises licence for Silks be postponed until 27 October 2022 at 7pm and that the following directives be agreed.

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The meeting ended at 7.25pm

Chair