

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes - 21 March 2019

Attendance

Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Chair)
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Rita Potter

Employees

Sarah Hardwick
Donna Cope
Kirst Tuffin
Michelle James

Senior Solicitor
Democratic Service Officer
Democratic Service Officer
Licensing Manager

Responsible Authorities

Sgt Steph Reynolds
William Humphries

West Midlands Police
Service Lead (Compliance)

Premises Licence Applicant

Heath Thomas

Harrison Clark Rickerbys Limited – Solicitor

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Elaine Moreton, a representative for Licensing Authority and Debra Craner, representative for Environmental Health.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

3 Licensing Act 2003 –Application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Harp, Walsall Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3LP

An application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Harp Inn, Walsall Street, Eastfield, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 3LP was considered following representations received from West Midlands Police, Environmental Health and The Licensing Authority.

The Chair led round-table introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

Michelle James, Licensing Policy Manager, provided an outline of the application. She explained that since the agenda had been published both West Midlands Police and Heath Thomas, Solicitor representing the Applicant, Orville Hines, had submitted additional information for the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider.

Heath Thomas confirmed the report to be correct.

The Chair asked all parties if they were happy to accept the supplementary documentation as there had been little time to consider the information provided.

Heath Thomas explained that although the supplementary documents were submitted within the Licensing Hearing procedure deadline, his client and West Midlands Police would like an adjournment to allow sufficient time to for them to consider all the information submitted. He explained that it would be unfair to his client, as a signed witness statement had been submitted to West Midlands Police and they needed time to assess the new evidence. An adjournment would also allow West Midlands Police time to gather the additional information that he had requested from them.

Sgt Stephanie Reynolds, West Midlands Police, confirmed that Heath Thomas's statement was true and stated that she would need up to four weeks to assess the new evidence.

The Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the Hearing in the interest of fairness and to ensure a decision would be based on all the evidence provided.

Resolved:

1. All parties confirmed they had no objections to the request and the Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the hearing until Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 10am.