

Licensing Sub-Committee

9 August 2018

Present: Councillors G Madden, J O'Shea and A Waggott-Fairley

LSQ107/08/18 Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Councillor G Madden be appointed Chair for this meeting.

LSQ11/08/18 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations reported.

Councillor Madden explained to the parties present that he was a Personal Licence Holder and he would approach the application with an open mind and base any decision on the written and verbal evidence presented.

LSQ12/08/18 Application for the Review of a Premises Licence – Gills Off Licence, 55-57 West Percy Street, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 0DR (Riverside Ward)

The Sub-committee met to consider an application for a review of a Premises Licence in relation to Gills Off Licence, West Percy Street, North Shields, NE29 0DR.

The application had been received from the Local Weights and Measures Authority for a review of the Premises Licence on the grounds of the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm. The Chief Officer of Police, the Director of Public Health and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board also supported the review of the premises licence.

The following parties were present at the hearing: Mr A Burnett, representing the Weights and Measures Authority; Mr N Kirkpatrick, representing the Chief Officer of Police and Mrs M K Gill, the Licence Holder. She was accompanied by Mr Gill.

Following introductions the Sub-committee considered a request from Mrs Gill for the hearing to be adjourned to allow her to be legally represented at the hearing.

The Sub-committee invited the representatives of the Responsible Authority's to comment on the application for an adjournment. Both agreed that they would not object to a short adjournment if the Sub-committee was so minded.

The Sub-committee retired to give consideration to the request for an adjournment.

The meeting reconvened and the Chair announced that the Sub-committee reached a decision on the request.

Resolved that (1) the hearing be adjourned to allow Mrs Gill to be legally represented at the meeting; and
(2) the reconvened hearing take place on Thursday 23 August 2018 at 10.00am

Reason for Decision:

The Sub-committee considers that a 14 day adjournment of the hearing to allow the licensee to the opportunity of being legally represented at the hearing. It has balanced the competing needs of providing the licensee with an opportunity to have a fair hearing against the need to prevent crime and protect the public, especially children, from harm.