

Notice of Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2020 at 10.00 am

Venue: Virtual



Membership:

Cllr B Dove

Cllr G Farquhar

Cllr T Johnson

All Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=289&MId=4373&Ver=4>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Democratic Services or email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests

Do any matters being discussed at the meeting relate to your registered interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Do NOT participate in the item at the meeting. Do NOT speak or vote on the item EXCEPT where you hold a dispensation

You are advised to leave the room during the debate

Local Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Applying the bias and pre-determination tests means you may need to refrain from speaking and voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer

No

Do you have a personal interest in the matter?

Yes

Consider the bias and pre-determination tests

You may need to refrain from speaking & voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice

No

You can take part in the meeting speak and vote

What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(anne.brown@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman of this meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

2. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

3. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

4. Protocol for Public Representation at Virtual Meetings

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In response to the Government's guidance to limit the spread of Coronavirus and restrictions around the gathering of more than two people, the following items of business will be conducted as virtual hearings in accordance with Government Regulations and Article 16 of the Council's Constitution. This approach has been taken to ensure the Council is compliant with the current restrictions and is not putting participants and members of the public at risk.

A revised protocol for public representation at formal virtual meetings of the Licensing Sub Committee is included with the agenda sheet for this meeting.

5. Exclusion of Press and Public

In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Committee is asked to consider the following resolution: -

'That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.'

6. Public Carriage Driver Application in the Christchurch Zone

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The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the suitability of the renewal of a Public Carriage Driver Licence in the Christchurch Zone.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTATION AT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The existing protocol for public speaking has been adapted to apply in respect of virtual hearings under the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005, and Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009).

It has been amended in accordance with Article 16 of the Council's Constitution: Covid-19 Interim Decision Making Arrangements, and the requirements of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

This includes applications relating to the licensing of alcohol, regulated entertainment, late night refreshment, gambling, and sex establishments, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles, which are the responsibility of the Licensing Committee/Sub Committee to determine as set out in Part 3.3 of the Council's Constitution.

1. The Chair welcomes everyone, matters of general housekeeping are dealt with, notification that the hearing may be recorded for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's website, reminder to switch mobile phones to silent, principles for managing formal skype meetings.
2. The Chair identifies all parties present and makes introductions.
3. Matters of general housekeeping are dealt with, notification that the hearing may be recorded for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's website, reminder to switch mobile phones to silent.
4. All persons who have given notice of their intention to speak are identified.
5. Identify if any person who wishes to withdraw a representation or wishes not to speak
6. Chair explains proposed procedure and order of speaking for hearing as set out in Appendix A. All parties confirm agreement or make representations on procedure proposed.
7. Licensing Officer's report is presented.
8. Parties present their representations in the order agreed.
9. Parties who are speaking should not repeat the information which they have already given in writing in their representation. They will be able to expand on the written information given, provided the information remains relevant. Any addition information should be limited to the grounds of their representation(s). For example, if they are objecting on the grounds of Public Nuisance, then they should confine their comments to matters relating to Public Nuisance.
10. Members of the Licensing Committee or Sub Committee may ask questions after each representation and at the end of all representations. Parties, will be allowed to ask questions through the Chair.

11. Following representations, the parties will be given the opportunity to sum up. Party who spoke first to go last. The hearing will then conclude.
12. Members will deliberate in private with the clerk and legal representative as appropriate present.
13. The decision will be taken by the Committee and notification of the decision will be given within the period of five working days beginning with the day or the last day on which the hearing was held in accordance with the regulations. The notification of decision will include information about the right of appeal as appropriate.
14. The Legal Advisor will advise the parties of any right of appeal as appropriate at the conclusion of the hearing.

General points

- The hearing may be adjourned at any time at the discretion of the Members
- Members may amend the procedure at any time if they consider it to be in the public interest or in the interest of a fair hearing
- The Sub Committee may decide to conduct all or part of a hearing in non public session where it considers the public interest in doing so, outweighs the public interest in the hearing.
- The Chair may exclude any person from a hearing for being disruptive.
- Meetings of the Licensing Committee in public session are recorded by the Council for live and subsequent broadcast on its website.
- The hearing will take the form of a discussion.
- Only persons (or their representatives) who have made an application, are subject to an application or have submitted a written representation to the Licensing Authority under the relevant Act are permitted to speak at the hearing.
- Any further information to support an application or a representation must be submitted at least 5 working days prior to the Hearing. Any submissions submitted less than 24 hours before the hearing must be agreed by all parties at the Hearing, before it can be considered
- If a party has informed the Authority that he does not intend to participate, or be represented at the hearing, or has failed to advise whether he intends to participate or not, the hearing may proceed in his absence

For other matters in Part 3.3 of the Council's Constitution which are the responsibility of the Licensing Committee, the procedures set out in Appendix 6 of the Council's Constitution in relation to public questions, statements and petitions as amended by Article 16: Covid-19 Interim Decision Making Arrangements and the provisions in The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 shall apply.

This includes such matters as making recommendations on relevant policies, approving the level of fees charged by the Council, and making decisions on tariffs charged by the Public Carriage Trade.

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Proposed procedure and order of speaking for virtual hearings

- The Licensing Officer/Other Council Officer presents report
- Applicant will make their Application
- Questions of the Applicant by all parties, Members of the Committee/Sub-Committee to go first
- Responsible Authorities and Other Persons will make their representations.
- Questions of the Responsible Authorities and Other Persons. Members of the Committee/Sub-Committee to go first.
- All parties will be given an opportunity to sum up (with the party who spoke last to go first). The hearing will then conclude.
- Sub-Committee will deliberate in private with Legal Adviser and Clerk present. (Councillors new to Licensing may observe but will not take part in the decision making).
- Notification of the Sub Committee's decision will be given within the period of five working days beginning with the day or the last day on which the hearing was held in accordance with the regulations. The notification of decision will include information about the right of appeal as appropriate.
- The Legal Adviser will advise parties of any right of appeal as appropriate at the conclusion of the hearing.

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