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Dear Members

Licensing Sub Committee

A meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee will be held on **Thursday 7 December 2023 at 10.00am** in the **Craddock Room, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford** to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Members are reminded that contact officers are shown in each report and members are welcome to raise questions etc in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Curran".

Head of Law and Governance

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

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REPORT OF THE LICENSING MANAGER

Membership

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

K M Aspin	A N Pearce
J A Barron	M Phillips
A P Edgeller	J P Read
P A Leason	J Thorley
A M Loughran	

(The 3 Members to form the Sub Committee will be appointed from the above)

Agenda Item 2(a)

Committee:	Licensing Sub Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 December 2023
Report of:	Licensing Manager
Contact Officer:	Julie Wallace
Telephone Number:	01785 619605
Ward Interest:	Forebridge

Application for a Premises Licence: PEPPERS

Purpose of Report

To consider an Application for a Premises Licence Application in relation to a property known as Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford, ST16 2HJ.

1 Detail

- 1.1 On 16 October 2023 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence in relation to a property known as Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford, ST16 2HJ.
- 1.2 The application is for a Late-Night Refreshment Licence to operate from 23:00hrs - 05:00hrs on Fridays and Saturdays and on Bank Holidays. However the application states that the premises will only be open to the public from 16:30hrs - 23:00hrs. In view of the apparent contradiction, it is assumed that the Late-Night Refreshment licence is for deliveries only.
- 1.3 The Premises Licence Holder of the premises is Mr Ghulam Abbas; he is the Brother-in-law of the previous Licence Holder, Mr Khateeb Khan.
- 1.4 A representation has been received during the consultation period from the Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit, citing issues relating to two of the Council's Licensing objectives: the Prevention of Crime and Disorder; and Public Nuisance and Public Safety.
- 1.5 In summary, Staffordshire Police consider that the granting of this licence will undermine the Council's licensing objectives, due to the previous site history and subsequent revocation of the Premises Licence relating to this property on 5 July 2023.

- 1.6 The documents relating to this application including the application for the Premises Licence and the representation from Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit are attached as a **CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX**.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Licensing Sub Committee considers the application for the Premises Licence and considers whether to grant the licence as applied for.

3 Background Papers

File available in Licensing Section

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The Chairman will introduce the Members of the Sub-Committee and invite those present at each hearing to introduce themselves.

- 1 The Licensing Officer outlines the details of the application, and relevant representations received, to the Sub Committee.
- 2 Any person who has submitted a relevant representation will be given the opportunity to present details of their representation. The running order for such presentations will be decided by the Chairman prior to the first presentation commencing.
- 3 Following each submission, the Applicant or his representative may question the person concerned.
- 4 Members of the Sub-Committee may then ask questions of the person concerned.
- 5 Once all relevant representations have been heard, the Applicant or his representative presents his application for the licence and calls any witnesses in support.
- 6 Any person who has submitted relevant representations may then question the Applicant (if he has given evidence) and any witnesses.
- 7 Members of the Sub- Committee may then ask questions of the Applicant and any witnesses.
- 8 All parties who have presented relevant representations can summarise their case and comment briefly on the Applicant's replies to questions. They cannot introduce new issues.
- 9 The Applicant can summarise their case and comment briefly on the any parties replies to his questions, they cannot introduce new issues.
- 10 All parties will then withdraw whilst the Sub Committee considers the case.
- 11 The Sub Committee will deliberate in private only recalling any party to clear points of uncertainty on evidence already given. If recall is necessary all parties will return notwithstanding only one is concerned with the point giving rise to doubt.
- 12 The Chairman will announce the Sub Committee's decision and will give reasons for the decision to the parties at the end of the hearing; the decision being confirmed in writing afterwards.