

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

R P Cooke A P Edgeller

Also present:-

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner	-	Legal Services Manager
Mrs J Wallace	-	Licensing Manager
Ms K McKinney	-	Senior Licensing Officer
Ms V Osborne	-	Environmental Health Officer
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

Also in Attendance:-

SGT J Finn	-	Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit
LO R Jarman	-	Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit
PC D Gallimore	-	Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit
PC K Perry	-	Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit
INSP M Byrne	-	Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit
Mr K Khan	-	Premises Licence Holder, Peppers
Ms E Burgess	-	Supporting the Premises Licence Holder

LSC4 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R M Sutherland (Substitute Councillor R P Cooke).

LSC5 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraphs 1, 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.

LSC6 Application for a Review of Premises Licence - Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford. ST16 2HJ

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an Application for a Review of Premises Licence for Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford. ST16 2HJ.

On the 12 August 2022 the Council received an application for a Review of the Premises Licence for Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford. ST16 2HJ. Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit, namely SGT James Finn, had requested the review in relation to issues relating to two of the Licensing objectives, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. Staffordshire Police had stated that the operation and current management of the premises are undermining the two licensing objectives already stated as well as a lack of legal compliance with the Premises Licence Conditions.

The Premises Licence Holder of Peppers was Mr Khateeb Ullah Khan. The review application from Staffordshire Police invited the Authority to consider reducing the times for licensable activities and opening hours to 00:00 hours Monday to Sunday. There have been no other representations from any other Responsible Authorities or the Public during the consultation period of this review which ended on 9 September 2022.

Mrs J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Mr K Khan outlined the reasons as to why the Review Application should be deferred in order to allow more time to obtain legal advice.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Khan.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

All parties were invited back into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

Recording of the meeting was then restarted at this point.

RESOLVED:- That the Committee adjourn the Review Application at the request of the Licence Holder.

- REASONS:-
- (a) The Committee found that the Licence Holder may not have received Council correspondence, or may have overlooked it due to his family circumstances.
 - (b) The Committee considered that the Licence Holder should have more time to obtain legal advice in the interests of procedural fairness.

CHAIR