

Chair - Councillor J A Barron

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

Councillors:

K M Aspin

A G Cooper

F D J James

P A Leason

J Thorley

A Thurstance

Officers in attendance:-

S Kearney	-	Principal Licensing Officer
L Parkes	-	Licensing and Enforcement Officer
L Taylor-Grime	-	Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation
K Edwards	-	Paralegal
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

LC1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A P Edgeller, J Nixon, J P Read (substituted by Councillor F D J James) and J T Rose.

LC2 Additional Information

Prior to the meeting starting, the Principal Solicitor stated that the License Holder would not be in attendance, and shared details of telephone and email conversations between Democratic Services and the License Holder, and Licensing and the License Holder. The Committee were invited to consider if they would like to adjourn the meeting or continue.

RESOLVED:- to continue with the meeting without the License Holder being in attendance.

LC3 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 paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Recording of the meeting was paused.

LC4 Fit and Proper Person

Considered the confidential report of the Licensing and Enforcement Officer (V1 15/07/2026 14:00) regarding this matter.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer outlined the case as set out in the report.

The Committee were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer was given the opportunity to sum up his case.

The Licensing Manager and the Licensing and Enforcement Officer withdrew from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the case in private.

At the request of the Chairman all parties were invited to re-join the meeting.

Recording of the meeting was restarted.

RESOLVED:- that the Committee has considered all the evidence from the Licensing and Enforcement Officer the Council Policy and Statutory Guidance and resolved that the conditions of the Fit and Proper Person test had not been met. The Committee decided to suspend the license for a period of three months with immediate effect.

CHAIR