

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - MONDAY, 13 JULY 2015

Present:

Councillors

Brown

Hunter

Mitchell

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved:

That Councillor Peter Hunter be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman explained the procedure for the meeting including that a period of twenty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- 13 CLIFTON STREET

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The Panel noted that the application was within the Cumulative Impact Area for Off Licence and therefore a rebuttable presumption existed against the granting of further licences within the designated area

The applicant, Mr Rajkumar, accompanied by his representative, Mr Kanapathi, were in attendance and spoke in favour of the application. Mr Kanapathi highlighted the applicant's keenness to work with the responsible authorities as evidenced by his willingness to amend the operating hours and add conditions to address concern. Mr Kanapathi also emphasised Mr Rajkumar's experience running an off licence in an area with similar challenges in the London Borough of Harrow.

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PC Evans presented the objections of the police to the application and emphasised that the police remained unsatisfied that the granting of the application would not add to the crime and disorder already experienced in the area.

The Panel carefully considered the evidence submitted by all parties and concluded that it was not satisfied that the application would not add to the crime and disorder already being experienced in the area.

Resolved:

That the application for a Premises Licence in respect of 13 Clifton Street be refused.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 3.35 pm)

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