MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2016

Present:

Councillors

Hunter Mitchell L Taylor

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Licensing Panel considered the appointment of a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved:

That Councillor L Taylor be appointed Chairman for the 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 an equal time limit of twenty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- 136 CENTRAL DRIVE

The Licensing Panel considered an application for a Premises Licence for the provision of Late Night Refreshment at 136 Central Drive.

The applicant, Mr Iqbal, was in attendance accompanied by his representatives Mr R Atkinson and Mr R Wightman and made representations to the Panel. He explained that he was completely separate from the previous operator of the premises and keen to address any issues that had previously been experienced in the area. In response to questions Mr Iqbal clarified that he now had a one year lease in place and had liaised extensively with the Fire Service to update the premises. He acknowledged that he was relatively inexperienced in the operation of a take away but would be keen to develop

Mr M Marshall was in attendance and made representations on behalf of Health and Safety. Mr Marshall highlighted the problems of the premises in the past and the licence had been revoked. He acknowledged that Mr Iqbal had no connection to the previous operator but expressed concern about Mr Iqbal's lack of experience in operating such a premises.

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The Licensing Panel considered the application and the representations received. The Panel considered that it would be disproportionate to refuse the application but took the opportunity to remind the applicant of his responsibilities under the Licensing Act given the previously problematic history of these premises.

Resolved:

That the application for a Premises Licence for 136 Central Drive be granted.

Chairman

(The meeting ended6.55 pm)

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