

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2023

Present:

Councillors

S Brookes

D Scott

Wilshaw

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager

Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

Councillor Adrian Hoyle

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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

Resolved:

That Councillor D Scott 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 VARIATION TO A PREMISES LICENCE - TESCO EXPRESS, 96-98 WHITEGATE DRIVE

The Licensing Panel considered an application for the Variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Tesco Express, 96-98 Whitegate Drive. The variation application had originally sought amended hours for the sale of alcohol to be 6am to Midnight- 7 days a week.

Ms Hardish Purewal, Tesco Licensing and Miss Catherine Kane were in attendance and spoke in support of their application. Ms Purewal explained that following discussions with the Licensing Service the applicant had accepted that the hours for the sale of alcohol should be amended to be 7am to 11pm- 7 days a week including all public and bank holidays. Ms Purewal spoke briefly to outline the systems already in place to ensure that Tesco promoted the Licensing Objectives and its corporate responsibility. Ms Purewal emphasised the relatively modest nature of the revised operating hours and the keenness of the operator to work with the responsible authorities.

Mr Lee Petrak, Licensing and Trading Standards Manager, who had made representations on behalf of the Licensing Authority was not in attendance and the Licensing Panel noted that while the hours of operation had been amended the representation had not been

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formally withdrawn. It considered the representation based on the written statement.

The Licensing Panel considered that given the relatively modest nature of the revised variation that it would not impact on the Licensing Objectives nor on the Cumulative Impact Area. It therefore concluded that the variation should be granted as applied.

Resolved:

That the Premises Licence in respect of Tesco Express 96-98 Whitegate Drive be granted with the revised hours of the sale of alcohol to be 7am to 11pm Monday to Sunday all days of the year.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 10.45 am)

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