Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 19th November, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor B Gettings in the Chair

Councillors G Wilkinson and C Townsley

95 Election of the Chair RESOLVED – Councillor Gettings was elected Chair of the meeting

96 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests
There were no declarations of interest.

97 "Northbar" - Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Northbar, 468 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8 2HU

The Sub-Committee, having regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Authority's own Statement of Licensing Policy, considered an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for Northbar, 468 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8 2HU.

Several letters of representation had been received from the public – one in objection and five in support of the application. None of the members of the public who had submitted a representation attended the hearing and the Sub Committee resolved to proceed in their absence and consider their written submission. No representations had been submitted by the responsible authorities; however an amendment had been made to the requested hours of operation of the licence following discussions with LCC Environmental Protection Team. These were clarified at the start of the hearing as being Monday to Wednesday 11:30 am until 23:00 hours; Thursday to Saturday 11:30 until 23:30 hours and Sundays 11:30 until 22:30 hours for the provision of licensable activities. The premises to close 30 minutes later

Mr J Gyngell, the applicant, attended the hearing. Mr J Carter also attended to observe the proceedings.

Mr Gyngell outlined the proposed style of operation and capacity of the premises and the experience of the management team in managing similar premises in similar localities. He addressed the comments made in the letter of objection regarding anti social behaviour, litter, noise and the impact of licensed premises and provided assurances regarding the management of such issues. The Sub Committee also heard evidence relating to the demographic of the patrons.

Members noted the intention to make use of the external area to the front of the premises as an additional seating area and discussed the necessary permit applications with the applicant

The Sub Committee carefully considered the contents of the application, the written representations and the verbal submissions made at the hearing.

Members were very satisfied with the presentation made by the applicants and the explanations offered in respect of the issues raised. The Sub Committee considered that this applicant had significant previous experience of managing such premises and

RESOLVED – To grant the application as amended.