

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor L Richards in the Chair

Councillors P Drinkwater and J Lennox

1 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor L Richards be elected as Chair for the hearing.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Sub-Committee was informed that Supplementary Information submitted by West Yorkshire Police in relation to Agenda Item 6, Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Regency Supermarket, Vicar Lane, Leeds was designated as being exempt for publication.

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of those parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

4 Late Items

There were no late items as such. Supplementary information had been submitted in relation to Agenda Item 6, Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Regency Smart Supermarket, 105 Vicar Lane, Leeds, LS1 6PJ. This information had been published and distributed prior to the hearing.

5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

6 Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Regency Smart Supermarket, 105 Vicar Lane, Leeds, LS1 6PJ

The report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory presented an application for the grant of a Premises Licence at Regency Smart Supermarket, 105 Vicar Lane, Leeds, LS1 6PJ.

The following were in attendance:

- Dave Parker, West Yorkshire Police
- Jacqueline Booth – Witness for West Yorkshire Police
- Glyn Jones – Witness for West Yorkshire Police

- Wenlin Chen – Applicant

- Liping Chen – Interpreter

The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee set out the procedure to be followed and the Senior Licensing Officer outlined the application.

The application was for the sale by retail of alcohol for Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 21:00 hours.

A representation had been received from West Yorkshire Police objecting to the application. This objection was made following enquiries with North Yorkshire Police who had been involved with the revocation of other premises which were managed by the applicant.

The applicant was invited to address the sub-committee. The following was highlighted:

- The reasons presented for refusal were not reasonable. These were related to businesses that were nothing to do with the applicant.
- The applicants business was separate to that of his father.
- The application was only intended for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.
- Measures would be taken to check the age of customers wishing to purchase alcohol.
- It was unfair to link the applicant with the businesses of his father.
- The applicant had no previous convictions or criminal records and should not be refused. He had also been trained and passed licensing exams.
- The Council should be supporting the applicant.
- The business was solely in the applicant's name. It was a small business with only 1 or 2 people working there.

The hearing went into private session to discuss the objection submitted by West Yorkshire Police as the information that was considered to be exempt was to be discussed. Following this the Sub-Committee went into a further private session to make their deliberations.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory, the Statement of Licensing Policy and the representations submitted and made at the hearing.

RESOLVED – That the application be refused.