

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 27th April, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor A Hutchison in the Chair

Councillors P Latty and L Richards

1 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor A Hutchison be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

4 Late Items

There were no late items.

5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

6 Application to vary a premises licence held by My Bar Leeds Ltd, 67 - 69 St Pauls Street, Leeds, LS1 2TE

The Chief Officer (Elections and Regulatory) submitted a report seeking Members consideration of an application made under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") to vary a premises licence in respect of My Bar Leeds Ltd, 67 - 69 St Pauls Street, Leeds, LS1 2TE.

In summary, the application requested to extend the timings for the currently permitted licensable activities, sale by retail of alcohol and recorded music.

A representation had been received from West Yorkshire Police in their capacity as a responsible authority, and subsequently the operating schedule had been amended to include the measures agreed with West Yorkshire Police. The application had received one letter of objection from a members of the public who wished to remain anonymous. There were no objectors present at the meeting.

Mr Simon Fearon attended the meeting on behalf of the applicant.

Mr Fearon addressed the Sub-Committee, advising Members that the location of the premises is mostly commercial, rather than residential, as suggested by the objector.

Mr Fearon noted that a number of licensed premises are located within close proximity, including bars and restaurants. Following the initial opening of the premises prior to closure as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, the applicant had come to realise that the clientele, mostly working professionals in the surrounding financial and legal district of the city centre, required a later closing time than the current operating schedule allows. After speaking to local residents and customers, the applicant concluded that 11:30 p.m. would be a more appropriate closing time for the premises, with alcohol sales ending at 11.00 p.m.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Fearon described the premises usual operating routine, with a focus on serving food, including a number of food promotions throughout the week between 12.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., as well as a small bar area with background music.

Members highlighted disparity between sections of the application and sought clarity on the hours for licensable activities applied for. Mr Fearon confirmed that the application was for sale by retail of alcohol and recorded music everyday between 11.30 a.m. and 11.00 p.m.

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 on behalf of the applicant.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted as applied for.