

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 17th December, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor A Khan in the Chair

Councillors B Gettings and N Buckley

112 Election of the Chair

Councillor A Khan was elected as Chair.

113 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

114 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

115 Late Items

There were no formal late items added to the agenda. However Members received a letter from West Yorkshire Police confirming they had withdrawn their representation.

116 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations made.

117 Application to vary a premises licence held by Co-operative Group Food Limited at Bradford Road, Tingley, Leeds, WF3 2DJ

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 variation of a premises licence for the Co-operative Group Food Limited at Bradford Road, Tingley, Leeds, WF3 2DJ.

A representation had been received from Councillor L Mulherin, however she was not in attendance.

The hearing was attended by the following:

Richard Arnott – Representing the Co-op

Kurt Robinson – Manager at the Co-op

Mr Arnott addressed the Sub Committee highlighting that under Section 18 of the Act the representation made by Councillor Mulherin was not a relevant one and fell outside the four licensing objectives and that the application should therefore be dismissed.

Following this Mr Arnott highlighted the record and history of the Co-op in retail and the policies and procedures that are rigorously applied by the organisation, specifically in relation to sales of alcohol to the public. This includes state of the art computerised tills requiring the operator to give careful consideration to a customer's age.

Mr Arnott also described the lay out of the store and the number of cameras in place to help monitor the sale of alcohol.

It was confirmed to the Sub Committee that out of the 14 staff there would be five personal licence holders which was a high ratio.

Mr Arnott went on to stress that the application was for one extra hour in the morning which reflected the changes in the economy and the changes to peoples working hours over recent years which mean shops need to be more flexible to customer needs.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted subject to the agreements previously reached with West Yorkshire Police being incorporated into the licence. The Sub Committee noted the concerns raised by Councillor L Mulherin the objection apparently based on health grounds. However the application was from a good and responsible retailer.