

Licensing (Licensing and Gambling) Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 28th June, 2023
at 3.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Virtual Meeting

This meeting is open to the public

Members

Three Members drawn from the Licensing Committee

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Members of the Licensing Committee are Councillors M Bunday, J Baillie, Beaurain, Mrs Blatchford, A Frampton, Kenny, Noon, Powell-Vaughan, Whitbread and Windle.

Role of the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee deals with licences for which the Council is responsible under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, including:-

- Determination of applications for review of premises licences and club premises certificates;
- Determination of representations to applications for premises licences and club premises certificates, variations and various permits;
- Determination of police objections to applications for:
 - Variation of designated premises supervisors
 - Transfer of premises licences
 - Personal licences for the sale of alcohol
- Determination of objections to temporary event notices.

Relevant Representations

Those who have made relevant representations may address the meeting about the matter in which they have an interest. New matters, not raised within a written representation, can not be relied upon at the hearing.

When dealing with Licensing Act matters the Sub-Committee must only take into account the following statutory Licensing Objectives:-

- prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- prevention of public nuisance
- protection of children from harm

Likewise, when dealing with Gambling Act matters the Sub Committee must only take into account the statutory Licensing Objectives below:-

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way, and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

Southampton: Corporate Plan 2022-2030 sets out the four key goals:

- Strong Foundations for Life.- For people to access and maximise opportunities to truly thrive, Southampton will focus on ensuring residents of all ages and backgrounds have strong foundations for life
- A proud and resilient city - Southampton's greatest assets are our people. Enriched lives lead to thriving communities, which in turn create places where people want to live, work and study
- A prosperous city - Southampton will focus on growing our local economy and bringing investment into our city.
- A successful, sustainable organisation - The successful delivery of the outcomes in this plan will be rooted in the culture of our organisation and becoming an effective and efficient council.

Fire Procedure:- In the event of a fire or other emergency a continuous alarm will sound, and you will be advised by Council officers what action to take.

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Dates of Potential Meetings for the Municipal Year
Meetings are scheduled on a weekly basis usually at 4pm on a Wednesday evening.

CONDUCT OF MEETING

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference are contained in the Council's Constitution.

Business to be discussed

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

Rules of Procedure

The meeting is governed by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 and the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, so far as it is applicable.

Quorum 3

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 3.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

(i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

(iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.

(iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.

(v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.

(vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council, and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.

(vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:

a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or

b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Other Interests

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision-making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

AGENDA

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

To appoint a Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

2 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

To note any changes in the membership of the Sub-Committee made in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

4 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING) (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 1st February 2023 and 31st May 2023 and to deal with any matters arising, attached.

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - LEGAL ADVICE

At a predetermined point during the consideration of all items the Sub-Committee may move into private session in order to receive legal advice when determining issues. The parties to the hearing, press and public, unless otherwise excluded by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, will be invited to return immediately following that private session at which time the matter will be determined and the decision of the Sub-Committee will be announced.

7 NEW PREMISES APPLICATION - VNG STORES 128 ABOVE BAR STREET, SOUTHAMPTON SO14 7DU (Pages 5 - 48)

New Premises Application - VNG Stores, 128 Above Bar Street, Southampton SO14 7DU

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Executive Director Communities, Culture & Homes