

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee (Hearing)
held at 10.00 am on Friday, 15 June 2018

Present:

Councillor J Birdi
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor A Lucas

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: U Patel, F Samuda

Public Business

1. **Appointment of Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Lucas be appointed as Chair for the Hearing.

2. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a New Premises Licence**

The Licensing Sub-Committee hearing was held to consider objections raised by West Midlands Police in respect of an application for a new premises licence at Cocoa Caffé, Kiosk 8 Terrace Food Court, West Orchards, Coventry.

Following the publication of the agenda and the time before the hearing, mediation between the applicant and police had continued and resulted in conditions being agreed by both parties. As a result, the police gave the requisite notice under Regulation 10 of the Licensing Act 2003 Hearing Regulations 2005 to withdraw its objection and further under Regulation 9(1) of the said Regulations to dispense with the hearing as they considered a hearing to be unnecessary. The Sub Committee was thereafter left to determine whether it agreed with the parties that a hearing was unnecessary under Regulation 9(2).

The Licensing Sub-committee, having reviewed all of the information provided in advance of the hearing, the detailed further submission made by the Police dated 4th June, 2018 and the email correspondence dated 12th June 2018 that outlined the conditions agreed, decided that they deemed it necessary to hold a hearing on a date yet to be arranged.

In reaching its decision, the Sub Committee had regard to both national guidance and the Council's own policy.

In particular, the Sub Committee noted that whilst the Police and the applicant had agreed conditions, there was a lack of evidence from both parties to dispel the concerns that they had.

RESOLVED that the hearing be adjourned to a date and time yet to be arranged to allow all parties an opportunity to be present and for the Sub-Committee to seek further clarification on the conditions agreed.

5. **Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 11.30 am)