

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 9.30 am
on Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Present:

Members: Councillor C Thomas (Chair)
Councillor F Abbott
Councillor J Birdi
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor B Gittins
Councillor J Innes
Councillor B Kaur (Deputy Chair)
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor R Thay
Councillor S Walsh

Employees Present: P Bird, Street Scene & Regulatory Services
D Blackburn, Street Scene & Regulatory Services
D Cahalin-Heath, Street Scene & Regulatory Services
M Coggins, Street Scene & Regulatory Services
R Hammond, Law & Governance
U Patel, Law & Governance
C Sinclair, Law & Governance
A Tandy, Street Scene & Regulatory Services
S Yarker, Street Scene & Regulatory Services

Apologies: Councillor A Lucas

Public Business

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 3 March 2020 were agreed and signed subject to the addition of Councillor G Ridley to the list of apologies.

3. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business indicated below on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule as indicated:

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		of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
6	Counterfeit Understrength Vodka	7
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4. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

5. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

6. Counterfeit Understrength Vodka

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services:

- 1. The Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Food safety Act 1990 and the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged counterfeit understrength vodka found at Mike Roberts Foodstores Limited, 76 Jardine Crescent, Coventry.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.**

The Committee noted that the premises would be recommended to seek a minor variation on the Premises Licence to add a condition in respect of the purchase of all alcoholic and tobacco products which would require them to provide proof of purchase.

7. Counterfeit Vodka

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services:

- 1. The Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Food safety Act 1990 and the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged counterfeit vodka found at SKM Convenience Store, 483 Holyhead Road, Coventry.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.**

The Committee noted that the premises would be recommended to seek a minor variation on the Premises Licence to add a condition in respect of the purchase of all alcoholic and tobacco products which would require them to provide proof of purchase.

8. Underage Sale and Possession of illegal Tobacco Products

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services:

- 1. The Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Children and Families Act 2014, the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015 and the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged underage sale and possession of illegal tobacco products found at General Grocers, 305-307 Foleshill Road, Coventry.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.**

9. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the report of the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services now submitted:

- 1. The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Baraj Singh Athwal be revoked.**

(Note: Mr B S Athwal chose not to participate in the remotely held meeting and chose not to submit any further written representation in support of his case.)

10. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 10.35 am)