

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

11 February 2021

Present: Councillor G Saffery (Chair)
Councillors A Dychton and R Smith

Also present: Sergeant Luke Mitchell, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Jo Tomkins, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Catherine Williams, Environmental Health Officer,
Watford Borough Council
Simone Smith, Environmental Health Officer,
Watford Borough Council
Sushil Shrestha, other party
Rita Barbosa, other party
Luis Rebelo, other party
Manuel Nobrega, licence holder

Officers: Senior Licensing Officer (AY)
Senior Solicitor (CN)
Democratic Services Officer (AG)

15 **Committee membership/election of a Chair**

The Democratic Services Officer confirmed that the Sub-Committee would comprise Councillors Dychton, Saffery and Smith.

The Sub-Committee was asked to elect a Chair for the hearing.

RESOLVED –

that Councillor Saffery be elected Chair for this hearing.

All parties present introduced themselves.

There was an adjournment to enable a number of parties to remedy technological difficulties. These issues were remedied and all parties who had notified they would be participating in the hearing were able to do so.

All parties present confirmed that they were satisfied for the hearing to take place in private.

16 **Disclosure of interests (if any)**

There were no disclosures of interests.

17 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED -

that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act for the reasons stated below in terms of Schedule 12A.

18 **Review of Premises Licence - Abaco's Bar-2, 83B Whippendell Road, Watford**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Senior Licensing Officer outlining an application for a review of the premises licence for Abaco's Bar-2, 83B Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7NH.

The officer provided an overview of the review application and the relevant policy and statutory guidance.

The police presented their application and supporting evidence to the sub-committee. Environmental Health presented their representations and supporting evidence to the sub-committee. The other party's presented their comments to the sub-committee. The licence holder addressed the sub-committee.

Members and officers asked questions about the application and received responses.

The Chair advised that all parties would be advised of the decision within five working days.

RESOLVED –

that the licence for Abaco's Bar, 83B Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7NH be revoked in order to promote the licensing objectives.

Chair
Licensing Sub-Committee

Started at 10:30
Adjourned at 10:35
Reconvened at 11:00
And finished at 13:40