

## LICENSING & PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) SUB COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Gurpreet Bhangra (Chairman), Phil Haseler and Geoff Hill

Also in attendance:

Officers: Sarah Conquest, Anthony Lenaghan and Shilpa Manek

### APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hill proposed Councillor Bhangra be Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Haseler.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: Councillor Bhangra was Chairman for the Panel.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies received.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

### PROCEDURES FOR SUB COMMITTEE

The procedures were noted by all present.

### CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 - APPLICATION TO VARY A LICENSED PREMISES MACHINE PERMIT

The Panel were disappointed that the applicant was not present.

#### **Licensing Officer**

The Council's Licensing Officer, Sarah Conquest, introduced the application for Members to consider. Sarah Conquest explained that the application related to a variation of an existing licensed premises gaming machine permit, under the Gambling Act 2005, at The Bear, 8-10 High Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1QJ. The existing permit allowed for 5 category C machines. A category C machine is one that has a maximum stake of £1 and a maximum prize of £100.00. Members' policy was to delegate to officers to issue permits for up to 4 machines. For more than this, applications were referred to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Officer explained that the premises was large and the new machine would be in good line of site from the bar.

Members were told that no objections to the application had been received and the licensing team had experienced no issues with the premises, either from a licensing or gambling perspective. The Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee that they must have regard to the four Licensing Objectives and the Council's policy. He informed the Sub-Committee that the options open to them were to either allow or refuse the whole of the application.

### **Questions to the Licensing Officer**

Councillor Hill asked the Licensing Officer why the applicant was not present. The Licensing Officer explained to the Panel that the applicants were not able to attend.

### **Applicants Case**

Applicant not present.

### **Objectors Case**

No Objectors present.

### **Licensing Officers Summary**

The Licensing Officer had nothing else to add.

### **Decision**

After careful consideration the Sub-Committee agreed to vary the Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit, to allow the use of six Category C gaming machines.

The Sub-Committee noted that the premises were spread over two floors, with all gaming machines on the ground floor. It was accepted that the gaming machines could be well seen from the bar area, and that the premises had a good record in that no concerns had ever been raised in relation to gambling. The applicant's gambling policies were very robust, as well as the operation of the Challenge 21 policy. For these reasons the Sub-Committee agreed to the variation.

In making their decision, the Sub-Committee also had regard to national guidance and the Council's own Licensing Policy.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit be varied to allow the use of six Category C gaming machines.**

The meeting, which began at 10.15 am, finished at 10.45 am

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