

PRESENT: Councillor Delaney (Chairman)

Councillors: Devine
Melling

Officers: Principal Solicitor (Mrs K Lovelady)
Trainee Solicitor (Ms N Pickford)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs M Murray)
Senior Environmental Health Officer (Mr C Carpenter)
Member Services/Civic Support Officer (Mrs J Brown)

In attendance: EAD Solicitors (Mr C Bruder)
DPS (Mr P Bolton)
Councillor D Westley (Aughton & Downholland Ward)
Objectors

9. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

10. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor Kay and the appointment of Councillor Ms Melling for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

12. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015 be noted.

15. LICENSING HEARING PROCEDURE

The Chairman outlined the Licensing Hearing Procedure.

16. APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF WEST TOWERS COUNTRY HOTEL, MILL LANE, AUGHTON.

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as contained on pages 41 to 107 of the Book of Reports in respect of an application for a variation of a Premises Licence in respect of West Tower Country Hotel, Mill Lane, Aughton.

In considering the matter the Sub – Committee had regard to its Licensing Policy and the guidance issued under S. 182 of the Licensing Act. It considered the relevant Licensing Objectives on this occasion was the ‘prevention of public nuisance’.

On hearing evidence from the Applicant, Senior Environmental Health Officer and Objectors the Sub – Committee:-

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the premises shall be open to the public between 10.00 hours and 01.30 hours daily.
 - B. That the sale of alcohol shall be permitted between 10.00 hours and 01.00 hours daily.
 - C. That the provision of live music, recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description shall be permitted to take place indoors between 10.00 hours to 01.00 hours daily.
 - D. That late night refreshment shall be permitted between 23.00 hours and 01.00 hours daily.
 - E. Plan 3b as provided with the application replaces any previous plans associated with the premises licence.
 - F. It is noted that the application has been amended so that all regulated entertainment and late night refreshment will only be undertaken indoors.

Conditions

All conditions currently on the licence remain and the following conditions shall be added:-

- G. The DPS or their nominated representative shall conduct regular assessments of the noise emanating from the premises on every occasion the premises are used for regulated entertainment and shall take steps to reduce the level of noise where it is likely to cause a disturbance to local residents. A written record shall be made of the assessments in a log book kept on site for that purpose and shall include the time and date of the checks, the name of the person undertaking the checks and the results including any remedial action. The log book shall be made available to any authorised person on request.

- H. Whenever regulated entertainment is taking place, all external windows and doors to the premises other than for access or egress shall remain closed.
- I. The placing of refuse such as glass bottles, into receptacles outside the premises shall not take place between the hours of 21.00 and 08.00, so as to prevent noise disturbance to neighbouring residents.

Guidance - not to be applied to the licence:-

1. The Licensing Sub-Committee would ask the applicant to take into account the evidence heard at the hearing and look at measures to reduce disturbance caused by coaches attending the premises. In particular, the applicant is encouraged to try and take steps to ensure guests arrive in vehicles that can park within the curtilage of the premises and ask the coach drivers to ensure engines are switched off on arrival and only switched on upon departure.
2. In respect of regulated entertainment, the applicant is encouraged to take steps to highlight to staff when doors and windows are opened such as visual alarms or noise cut off options.

- CHAIRMAN -