



## WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### LICENSING COMMITTEE 2003

#### HEARING PROCEDURE

- 1 Chairman introduces the Members and the main Officers
2. The Chairman invites the other parties to the hearing, to introduce themselves.
3. The Chairman refers to the procedure which will be followed.  
(NB. The Chairman to explain here that he will allow the parties to proceed without specific time constraints).
4. Chairman invites the Corporate Director of Place and Community (or their representative) to outline the application.
5. Applicant's case
  - (a) The Applicant (or representative) will present their case. This will include general opening remarks followed by calling witnesses.
  - (b) The other parties to the hearing may then ask questions of the Applicant and witnesses, commencing with each Responsible Authority (if present) and concluding with the Sub-Committee.
6. Relevant Representations - Responsible Authorities (if present)
  - (a) Each Responsible Authority (or representative) will present their case. This will include general opening remarks, followed by calling witnesses.
  - (b) The other parties to the hearing may then ask questions of each Responsible Authority and witnesses, commencing with the Applicant and concluding with the Sub-Committee.
7. Relevant Representations – Interested Parties (if present)
  - (a) Interested Parties will be asked by the Chairman if they wish to elect a spokesperson or representative (or speak individually). Interested Parties

will present their case. This will include general opening remarks followed by calling witnesses.

- (b) The other parties to the hearing may then ask questions of the Interested Parties and witnesses, commencing with the Applicant and concluding with the Sub-Committee.
- 8. If several representations (objections) have been received, Interested Parties may question the Applicant and witnesses in turn, in an order to be determined by the Chairman. The same order will follow when it comes to the Interested Parties being questioned.
- 9. The Chairman to ask all parties and the Sub-Committee if they have any further relevant questions or comments arising from the hearing.
- 10. Interested Parties, Responsible Authorities and the Applicant to make their closing address in that order (so that the Applicant has the final say).
- 11. The Chairman will ask the Legal Advisor whether there are any other matters to be raised or resolved before the hearing is closed for deliberations.
- 12. The Sub-Committee will retire to determine the application calling upon the Legal Advisor and Member Services Officer, as needed.
- 13. When the Sub-Committee returns, the Chairman will announce the decision and give reasons. All Parties to the hearing will receive confirmation of the decision in writing within five working days.

End.

***If any of the Parties, Representatives, or Observers wish to discuss any matters relating to the hearing, Officers will be available at the conclusion of the meeting.***