

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2023**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Mahym Bedekova (Chair), Sinan Boztas and Jim Steven

OFFICERS: Ellie Green (Licensing Team Manager), Charlotte Palmer (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer), Catriona Mcfarlane (Legal Adviser), and Harry Blake-Herbert (Governance Officer).

Also Attending: Cllr Gina Needs (Bowes Ward Councillor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion), Dani Jones (Police Sargent Licensing), Derek Ewart (Police Officer), and Adey Wilkins (Police Officer).

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sabri Ozaydin who was substituted by Cllr Sinan Boztas.

The sub-committee agreed to delay the start of the meeting by 5 minutes, to allow the licence holder the opportunity to be present if running late.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received regarding any item on the agenda.

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

AGREED in accordance with the principles of Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

4 PART 2 AGENDA

5 LUXE LOUNGE - 6 GREEN LANES, LONDON N13 6JR

NOTED:

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That the discussion regarding this item was undertaken in Part 2.

The Licensing Sub-Committee RESOLVED that in order to promote the licensing objectives the appropriate course of action required was to revoke the licence.

The Chair made the following statement:

“The Licensing Sub-Committee (LSC) have read all the papers & listened carefully to all that has been said by the parties attending this hearing.

The LSC has not held it against the premises licence holder that they are not here today. However, they were not here to offer any explanation of the events we have been told about.

The LSC note that the premises licence holder has been extremely poor in complying with licensing legislation and the terms and conditions of his premises licence, such as:

1. They have not provided an up-to-date plan,
2. They removed the CCTV when it is a condition that they have it,
3. They have been open for later hours than is permitted under the licence,
4. They had tables and chairs outside the premises when they did not have a licence,
5. Gambling machines that they weren't allowed to have,
6. Serving alcohol without food,
7. They have only recently paid their 3 years overdue licence fees.

The LSC believes that it is not appropriate for the premises licence holder to have a premises licence as they are not prepared to comply with it.

The LSC also feels that it is appropriate to revoke the pavement licence.

A Closure order had been sought by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) following a murder in close proximity to the premises, and is believed to be in connection with the premises and those running the premises. The MPS were granted a closure order for 3 months, and they can apply for a further 3 months extension.

The LSC also took into account Cllr Needs' representations made about the ongoing complaints about public safety and public nuisance caused by the premises that she has received from residents of her ward.”

The Chair thanked everyone for their time and the meeting ended at 11:43am.