

**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Meeting held 17 March 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Karen McGowan (Chair), Joe Otten and Cliff Woodcraft

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Vickie Priestley.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - IBIS BUDGET SHEFFIELD CENTRE - ST. MARY'S GATE, 10A ST. MARY'S GATE, SHEFFIELD, S1 4LR**

4.1 This item of business, to consider an application for the grant of a Premises Licence, made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act, 2003, in respect of the premises known as Ibis Budget Sheffield Centre, St. Mary's Gate, 10A St. Mary's Gate, Sheffield S1 4LR (Case No.28/20), was withdrawn from consideration as the objection to the application had been resolved after the agenda for the meeting had been published.

**5. LICENSING ACT 2003 - BLUEZ, 1 SCHOLEY STREET, SHEFFIELD, S3 8AP**

5.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application, made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, for the grant of a premises licence in respect of premises known as Bluez, 1 Scholey Street, Sheffield S3 8AP (Case No.25/20).

5.2 Present at the meeting were Sean Gibbons (Environmental Health Officer), Jayne Gough (Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer), Marie-Claire Frankie (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee) and Jennie Skiba (Democratic Services).

5.3 Marie-Claire Frankie outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

5.4 Jayne Gough presented the report to the Sub-Committee, and it was reported that representations had been received from the Health Protection Service and the Environmental Protection Service, and were attached at Appendix "B" to the report. Ms. Gough said that the applicant had been invited to attend the hearing but was not in attendance.

- 5.5 Sean Gibbons stated that he had worked with the applicant of the premises and produced an updated plan. Mr Gibbons outlined his concerns to Members, stating that the proposals put forward by the applicant did not comply with building regulations. He said that a number of areas inside the premises were dangerous and, he had tried on number of occasions to point the applicant in the right direction so that the premises were fit for purpose. He said that it had not been easy to meet the applicant to discuss the problems, although some issues had been addressed following an initial meeting and he had advised that he seek professional help with the work to be carried out. Mr. Gibbons said that he had requested that an asbestos survey be carried out and reported that a building inspection report and electrical completion certificate were also outstanding.
- 5.6 In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee, Mr. Gibbons stated that he had asked the applicant if a check for asbestos within the premises had been made, to which the applicant had responded that a friend had looked at it, and Mr. Gibbons stated that this response was unsatisfactory. He said that the premises needed a sound lobby as the existing one was unsatisfactory in terms of dimensions as the door opened inwards. Mr. Gibbons said that the applicant was fully aware of the licensing objectives.
- 5.7 Jayne Gough reported on the options available to the Sub-Committee.
- 5.8 RESOLVED: That the public and press and attendees involved in the application be excluded from the meeting before further discussion takes place on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if those persons were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.
- 5.9 Marie-Claire Frankie reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 5.10 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the public and press and attendees.
- 5.11 RESOLVED: That, following consideration of the information contained in the report now submitted, and the representations now made, the application for a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Bluez,1 Scholey Street, Sheffield S3 8AP, be refused (Case No.25/20).

(The full reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision will be included in the written Notice of Determination.)