

**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Meeting held 4 December 2012**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Clive Skelton (Deputy Chair), Jillian Creasy and Philip Wood

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 An apology for absence was received from the Chair (Councillor John Robson) and Councillor George Lindars-Hammond attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on agenda item 4 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - PERSONAL LICENCE APPLICATION**

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application for a Personal Licence made under Section 117 of the Licensing Act 2003.

4.2 Present at the meeting were Andy Ruston (Licensing Officer), Marie-Claire Frankie (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee), John Turner (Democratic Services), Lizzie Payne and Benita Mumby (South Yorkshire Police, Objectors) and the Personal Licence applicant.

4.3 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.

4.4 Andy Ruston presented the report to the Sub-Committee and it was noted that a representation had been received from South Yorkshire Police, and was attached at Appendix "B" to the report.

4.5 Benita Mumby addressed the Sub-Committee, referring to the objections of South Yorkshire Police to the application, focusing specifically on the applicant's previous offences and convictions, and the fact that his full rehabilitation period had not yet been completed.

4.6 The applicant addressed the Sub-Committee, stating that he planned to set up a restaurant business and deeply regretted the actions which had resulted in the

convictions, and explaining the nature of, and reasons behind, the offences. He submitted a letter from the South Yorkshire Probation Trust, which indicated that he was still in the process of completing the Supervision Order and that he was deemed as being a low risk in terms of re-offending. He concluded by indicating that the offences were silly mistakes and that he wanted to move on in life and be a positive role model for his two sons.

- 4.7 RESOLVED: That the attendees involved in the application for a Personal Licence 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.
- 4.8 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 4.9 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the attendees.
- 4.10 RESOLVED: That the application for the Personal Licence be granted in the terms now requested (Case No. 94/12).