

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE HEARING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT
CIVIC SUITE 2, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY,
LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

J Kaufman Chair



Meeting ID: 3038

G A Boulter
M H Charlesworth

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer (Solicitor)
S Eyre Licensing Enforcement Officer
S Wheeliker Senior Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

13. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor M H Charlesworth and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor J Kaufman be appointed Chair.

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (Exempt Information) during consideration of the item below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exempt item outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

17. REVIEW OF PERSONAL LICENCE (EXEMPT)

The Sub-Committee gave consideration to the exempt report and appendices (as set out at pages 4 – 21 of the agenda reports pack), which asked it to determine a review of a

personal licence under Section 132A of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Chair introduced the parties present and outlined the procedure of the hearing.

The Sub-Committee noted that neither the licence holder nor a representative was in attendance. The Committee further noted that a letter had been received from the licence holder explaining that he was unable to attend the hearing, confirming that he did not object to the hearing proceeding in his absence, and providing written representations for consideration.

The Sub-Committee resolved that it was appropriate to proceed in his absence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and summarised the background to the review, including the conviction for a relevant offence as defined under Schedule 4 of the Licensing Act 2003, the information provided by Leicestershire Police, and the representations received.

The Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer outlined the legal framework applicable to the review, including Section 132A of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under Section 182 (in particular paragraphs 4.72 to 4.80), the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, and the range of decision-making options available to the Sub-Committee.

In its deliberations, the Sub-Committee took into account the nature and seriousness of the offence, the fact that it involved alcohol misuse, the information provided by the Police regarding previous similar convictions, the failure to comply with statutory notification duties under the Licensing Act 2003, and the written representations and mitigation submitted on behalf of the licence holder. The Sub-Committee also noted concerns regarding the lack of candour in the initial representations, which only came to light following further enquiries.

The Sub-Committee adjourned to consider its decision at 7:00pm.

The Sub-Committee reconvened at 7:29pm.

The Sub-Committee decided that:

Having had regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under Section 182, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the report and appendices, the representations from Leicestershire Police, and the written representations submitted by the licence holder, the personal licence be suspended for a period of six months pursuant to Section 132A of the Licensing Act 2003. The Sub-Committee was satisfied that a six-month suspension was a proportionate and appropriate response, sufficient to promote the licensing objectives, particularly public safety, without going further than was necessary.

THE HEARING CLOSED AT 7.30 pm



Chair

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Licensing Sub-Committee

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