

**Licensing Sub Committee B - 14 July 2021**

Minutes of the additional meeting of Licensing Sub Committee B held by Zoom on 14 July 2021 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:**      **Councillors:**      Phil Graham (Chair), Gary Poole and Marian Spall

**Councillor Phil Graham in the Chair**

- 246      **INTRODUCTIONS AND PROCEDURE (Item A1)**  
Councillor Phil Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and officers and members introduced themselves. The procedure for the conduct of the meeting was outlined.
- 247      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A2)**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie.
- 248      **DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A3)**  
Councillor Gary Poole substituted for Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie.
- 249      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A4)**  
None.
- 250      **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Item )**  
**RESOLVED**  
That the press and public be excluded from the proceedings during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime as defined in Category 7 of Schedule 21A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
- 251      **URGENT EXEMPT ITEMS (Item )**  
An application for a summary review was received from the Metropolitan Police for an expedited review under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003. Within 48 hours of the submission, the Licensing Authority must consider whether to take interim steps, pending a full review hearing. Due to this short timescales this item has been put forward as urgent in order to comply with the Licensing Act 2003.
- 252      **VIVA LA PIZZA 367 HOLLOWAY ROAD, N7 0RN - EXPEDITED REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE (Item B1)**  
The licensing officer reported that the licensee had been notified of the hearing but no response had been received.

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The Sub-Committee heard evidence from the police who sought a suspension of the premises licence pending a full review hearing for the following three reasons:-

- a) The serious nature of the criminal offence that had taken place;
- b) The subsequent actions taken by staff to obstruct the investigation;
- c) The steps taken by staff at the venue to protect the suspect from investigation.

The police stated that this demonstrated an association with serious crime and constituted a continuing risk of serious crime.

### **RESOLVED**

That the premises licence in respect of Viva La Pizza, 367 Holloway Road, N7 0RN, be suspended with immediate effect pending the full review.

### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

This meeting was facilitated by Zoom.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered whether it was necessary to take interim steps pending a full licence review. The Sub-Committee took into account the oral and written representations from the police. It was alleged that there had been a serious criminal offence committed on a customer in a vulnerable state off the premises following drinking on the premises with staff. The members of staff had failed to co-operate with the police and had obstructed the investigation which is on-going.

The licence holder was notified about the meeting but was not in attendance.

The Sub-Committee considered that a suspension of the premises licence was necessary while investigations took place and to ensure the safety of the public.

The meeting ended at 6.50pm

**CHAIR**