

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2021

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held virtually via MICROSOFT TEAMS on FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2021, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Iris Beech

Councillors Duncan Anderson, Bev Chapman and Ian Pearson

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.

No declarations were reported at the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2021 be approved as a correct record.

3 APPLICATION FOR A NEW GAMBLING PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION FOR 'MERKUR SLOTS', 37-39 ST SEPULCHRE GATE, DONCASTER, DN1 1TD

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Gambling Premises Licence in respect of Merkur Slots, 37-39 St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster DN1 1TD

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicants, persons making representations and Responsible Authorities, had received the agenda prior to the meeting. Copies of the representations were attached to the report at Appendix E.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

As the hearing was being held via a teleconferencing facility, Members of the Sub-Committee and other parties, were informed by the Chair that she would indicate who would speak next in order to ensure that the meeting ran as smoothly as possible.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and outlined the salient points in relation to the application.

The Applicant's Barrister Mr Philip Kolvin QC was in attendance at the meeting, made representations and answered questions.

Mr Chris Greatorex, Licensing Compliance Co-ordinator and Mrs Caroline Temperton, Public Health who had made written representations in respect of the application, outlined their concerns and objections to the application, and answered questions.

All parties were then asked to leave the teleconference meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated on the application and reached a decision.

All parties were then invited back in to the meeting to be informed of the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee, having considered the application for a new Gambling Premises Licence in respect of Merkur Slots, 37-39 St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster DN1 1TD, taken into account the representations made and the evidence presented today together with the following Gambling Commission documents - 'Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice' and the 'General guidance on the role and responsibilities of licensing authorities in gambling regulation', Statement of Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 and decided that the application is consistent with the Licensing objectives and therefore decided to grant the Licence with the conditions that have been put forward by the Applicant at pages 1 and 2 of their bundle.

The Committee noted the significant and detailed information provided by the applicant all of which shows consistency with the licensing objectives.

The committee also noted the information provided by the objecting parties, but found that there was no specific evidence relating to this organisation or premises – this was acknowledged by the parties.

Whilst it is not a condition of the Licence, the Committee would welcome the Applicant working to the highest standards of accessibility now and into the future in all formats.

CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_