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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY, 2022 AT 10.00 AM**

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: Daniel Allen (Chair) Jean Green, Ruth Brown and Michael Muir*

In Attendance: *Steve Cobb (Licensing Manager), Jasmine Jennings (Licensing Officer), Nurainatta Katevu (Legal Advisor), William Edwards (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager), Louis Mutter (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer)*

Also Present:

At the commencement of the meeting approximately 17 members of the public, including registered speakers.

11 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Daniel Allen would Chair this Licensing Sub-Committee Meeting.

12 HEARING PROCEDURE

The Chair welcomed Members, Officers and Other Persons to the hearing.

The Sub-Committee noted the hearing procedure.

13 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION

The Licensing Officer presented the report entitled Determination of Application in respect of Chicken George, 107A-107B Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1NB.

The report, together with verbal submissions and questions from the Applicant and Other Persons, as well as advice from Legal Advisors were considered.

The report of the Licensing Officer was noted.

14 DECISION NOTICE

The agreed decision notice is attached.

The meeting closed at 11:48

Chair

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Decision Notice

Date of Hearing	Wednesday 27 th July 2022
Members of Panel	Councillors D. Allen, J. Green, M. Muir
Premises Licence Holder(s) Name	Chicken George (Hitchin) Limited
Premises Address	Chicken George, 107a-107b Bancroft Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 1NB
Date of Application	1 st June 2022
APPLICATION FOR REVIEW	<p>This is an application for a review of a Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee has read the material presented to it and has listened to all the evidence and submissions. The Sub-Committee has considered the National Guidance and the Statement of Licensing Policy and has come to the following decision:</p> <p>The sub-committee has decided to take no action as the premises licence is adequately promoting the licensing objectives</p>
EFFECT OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS EXPLAINED TO APPLICANT	<p>The effect of failure to comply with any of the conditions attached to the licence or certificate is a criminal offence, which upon conviction, would result in an unlimited fine or up to six months imprisonment or both.</p>
STATUTORY GUIDANCE CONSIDERATIONS	<p>The Sub-Committee has taken into account the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018 version) in reaching its decision. It has found the following sections to be of particular relevance in reaching this decision:</p> <p>Sections</p> <p>1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.17, 2.1, 2.15, 2.16, 9.12, 9.42, 9.43, 9.44, 10.8, 10.9, 10.10, 11.10, 11.17, 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, and 16.55</p>
LICENSING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS	<p>The Sub-Committee has taken into account the North Hertfordshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in reaching its decision. They have found the following sections to be of particular relevance in reaching this decision.</p> <p>Sections</p> <p>B6, B7, B8, B10, D2.1, D2.4, D2.5, D2.6, D2.8, D2.9, D6.2, D6.3, D6.8, D11.1, D11.2, D11.9, E2.1, E3.1.1, E3.1.4, E3.2.1, E3.2.4, E3.2.5, E3.3.1, E3.9.1, E3.9.3, F4.1, F8.1 F8.2, O1.1 and O2.2</p>

<p>RATIONALE FOR DECISION</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having considered the submissions of all those present at the hearing, the Sub-Committee felt that the premises licence in its present form could not be evidenced as wholly causing the concerns raised in the representations. 2. The Sub-Committee considered whether those concerns were capable of being addressed through the licencing remit and unfortunately agreed that this was outside the remit and would be advising the licence officer to liaise with Environmental Health Team and Parking Enforcement Team. 3. The Sub-Committted felt that the issue of litter was adequately dealt with by the premises licence holder in their representation. 4. The Sub-Committee were in agreement to take no action.
<p>COMMENCEMENT DATE</p>	<p>This decision will come into effect from the end of the period for appealing the decision or, if the decision is appealed, the point at which the appeal has been dealt with by the Magistrates' Court.</p>
<p>RIGHTS OF REVIEW</p>	<p>At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police, or any other person, such as a resident living in the vicinity of the premises, may ask the licensing authority to review the licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives. The review is a request for the Council to look at the existing licence and decide whether its conditions are adequate to meet the four licensing objectives defined under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Ordinarily, a further review would need to focus on matters at the premises following this review, it should not be used to re-visit issues raised at today's hearing.</p> <p>The licensing authority can refuse a further review on the grounds that it is repetitious</p>