

LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 3 MINUTES - 10 OCTOBER 2017

Present: Councillor Woodward (Chair);
Councillors Livingston, McDonald and Skeats.

Apologies: Councillor Dennis and D Edwards.

15. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE - KOALA, 108 FRIAR STREET, READING

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on an application for the grant of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence made by Treehouse Bar Limited for the premises located at 108 Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1EP.

The report noted that the Council had adopted Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, which came into effect on 1 April 1983 and the amendment to Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, which came into force on the 1 September 2010. A copy of the resolution passed at Council on 29 June 2010 (Minute 18 refers) was attached to the report at Appendix PN-1. The report also noted that on 27 October 2010, the Licensing Applications Committee had approved the policy, terms, fees and conditions regarding Sexual Entertainment Venues (Minute 3 refers). A copy of the Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) Policy was attached to the report at Appendix PN-2, and a copy of the application form and management plan was attached at Appendix PN-3. A copy of the current premises licence pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003 was attached to the report at Appendix PN-4.

The report stated that the hours applied for were Monday to Sunday 2100 hours until 0300 hours.

The report explained that a consultation had been carried out regarding the application and three representations had been received. Representations had been received from Reading Borough Council Licensing Team, which was attached to the report at Appendix PN-5, Thames Valley Police, which was attached to the report at Appendix PN-6, and a resident of Reading, which was attached to the report at Appendix PN-7.

A copy of Reading Borough Council's standard terms and conditions for Sexual Entertainment Venues was attached to the report at Appendix PN-8.

Sarah Clover, barrister representing the premises, was present at the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee. Also present at the meeting were Simon Bayfield, DPS and Manager of the premises, Qi He, owner of the premises, Imogen Moss, solicitor for the premises, and Mark Halton, MJH Licensing Consultants Ltd.

Richard French, Licensing Officer, Reading Borough Council and PC Simon Wheeler, Thames Valley Police, were present at the meeting.

Resolved -

That the application for the grant of a sexual entertainment venue licence in respect of Koala, 108 Friar Street, be deferred to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

(The meeting started at 6.54pm and closed at 7.22pm)