

LICENSING COMMITTEE

7.15 TO 8.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor David Simpson (Chairman), Councillors Stan Anderson, John Bowcott, Nick Draper, Philip Jones, Logie Lohendran, Ian Munn, John Sargeant, Linda Taylor, Gregory Udeh.

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Dubet (Environmental Health Manager), Susanne Wicks (Democratic Services Officer), Marcus Lavell (Jeffrey Green Russell Ltd).

1 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Debbie Shears.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes are agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4 THE DESIGNATION OF PARTS OF THE HIGHWAY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STREET TRADING

Prior to discussing the five applications for consideration, Councillor David Simpson reminded the Committee that applications should only be refused where there is good evidence to support the rejection.

With regard to the application for Aubaine, Councillor John Bowcott noted that the use of the outside area appears to be operating well, with no residents raising any concerns.

RESOLVED: To designate the following proposed street trading areas:

- 1) An area of 3m x 1.9m outside Rocher Noir 221 London Road Mitcham CR4 2JD.
- 2) An area of 5m x 0.8m (revised) outside Cedar Merton High Street Wimbledon SW19 1BA.
- 3) An area of 9m x 1.1m outside Morden Food Centre 17-18 Morden Court Parade London Road Morden SM4 5HJ.
- 4) An area of 8m x 0.8m (revised) outside Aubaine 18 High Street Wimbledon SW19 5DX.

5 LICENSING ACT 2003

Marc Dubet introduced this report and highlighted some of the main issues for the

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Committee's consideration. He invited comments and questions.

With regard to appeals of licensing sub-committee decisions, Marc Dubet advised that both appeals detailed in paragraph 2.7 of the report have been withdrawn following negotiation between the parties. He advised that Coral have undertaken to have two members of staff present on the premises from 7 am to 10.30 am and from 4.30 pm to close.

Marc Dubet advised that betting offices decide on staffing levels based on risk assessments, and one member of staff is often deemed to be appropriate, which may be contrary to the views of licensing authorities.

With regard to the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, Marc Dubet advised that local authorities will be able to impose a fee for applicants, but the amounts have not yet been decided. He undertook to keep Councillor Nick Draper informed of the proposed charges.

Prior to considering the exempt appendix, the committee:

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of these items of business as it involves the likely disclosure of information relating to any action taken, or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Councillor David Simpson asked that future reports also contain some comment from the Metropolitan Police on the data supplied. The committee also asked that figures for previous quarters are provided so comparison can be made.

Report received.