

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE D of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Barum Room, Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Barnstaple on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 9.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Chesters (Chair)

Councillors J. Cann and Mathews.

Councillor Meadlarkin as a Substitute Member.

Officers:

Assistant Solicitor (DH), Licensing Officers (PF), (HB) and (CT) and Corporate and Community Support Officers (KS) and (AD).

(a) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED, that (in the absence of the Chairman) Councillor Chesters be appointed Chairman.

(b) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

(d) EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS AND RESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED:

- (i) That, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- (ii) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as “Not for Publication”.

(e) APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE TO KEEP A BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT (HOME BOARDING DOGS) FOR ANIMALS

The Chair introduced herself, Members of the Sub-Committee, Officers present, and the applicant present, before outlining the nature of the hearing.

The Licensing Officer (PF) outlined a report (circulated previously) regarding the application for the grant of a licence to keep a Boarding Establishment (Home Boarding Dogs) for Animals.

The applicant addressed the Sub-Committee, outlining the details of her proposed business and the measures that that been put in place to ensure a safe and secure operation.

Members of the Sub-Committee questioned the applicant.

The Licensing Officer summed up.

RESOLVED, that everyone be excluded from the meeting with the exception of Members and the Legal representative in order for the Sub-Committee to receive legal advice in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED that everyone be re-admitted to the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to seek clarification in relation to paragraph 4.4 of the report. The Licensing Officer confirmed that the proposed premises met all of the Council’s Standard Conditions save for Condition 5.8.3.

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RESOLVED that everyone be re-admitted to the meeting.

The Chairman requested that the Corporate and Community Services Officer read the proposed decision, which was voted upon and agreed.

RESOLVED that following deliberation the Sub-Committee decided to grant the licence as applied for and in the process waive condition 5.8.3 of the standard conditions of the licence subject to the imposition of the following conditions:

- Bolts must be fitted to the kitchen and sitting room doors and kept locked when the boarding dogs are in situ.
- Home boarded dogs are only to be brought into the premises when young children have been put to bed.
- A maximum of no more than two home boarded dogs to be boarded at any one time.
- That a commercial licence be obtained for the disposal of all animal excreta, bedding and other waste materials from the premises.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 10.56 a.m.

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.