

## LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

8 OCTOBER 2021

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)  
Councillors Asghar Ali and Jacobsen

### 21 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

### 22 : APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE - MOOD LOUNGE, CITY ROAD

Present:

Applicants: Khalred Alramadan, Imad Abdullah, Cameron Paterson – Solicitor

#### Application

An application for the Grant of a Premises Licence has been received from Mood Lounge Limited in respect of Mood Lounge, 119a-121 City Road, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3BP.

The applicant has applied for the following:

(1) In respect of the following licensable activities: (i) The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors). (ii) The provision of late-night refreshment (indoors).

(2) Description of Premises (as stated by applicant): "Shisha and juice bar serving food and non-alcoholic drinks like smoothies, juices and coffees. All on one floor, inside sitting area with open sky windows".

(3) Unless otherwise indicated the premises may be open to the public during the following hours and for any hours consequential to the non-standard timings: Monday to Sunday: 12:00 to 02:00

(4) To provide licensable activities during the following hours: (i) The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of recorded music (indoors): Monday to Sunday: 12:30 to 02:00 (ii) The provision of late-night refreshment (indoors): Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 02:00

#### Applicants Representations

The Applicant outlined the key points of the application.

The Applicant stated that they had agreed the conditions requested by South Wales Police, and noted that there had been no representation from Environmental Health. The Applicant stated that the premises feature soundproof boarding. The only remaining representation was from the owner of local residential flats at 129 City

Road in relation to noise disturbance to local residents, crime, and violence. The residential flats are 7.5 premises away from the frontage of the Applicant's premises. The premises run to the rear of ground floor frontages along City Road the length of 6.5 premises. There are gardens between the premises and the rear of the premises abutting City Road. There are residential flats above the premises abutting City Road. No representations have been received in relation to these premises.

The Applicant is providing a service to their community, targeted towards people working in hotels and restaurants, who finish work late in the evening and want to relax with friends after work. Children are not allowed. It is a smoking venue. ID requirements for entry are among the conditions agreed with South Wales Police.

Members sought clarification on the level of noise expected from the playing of music. The Applicant advised that it would be recorded music played through speakers to provide a low-level ambient sound.

The Applicant advised that no alcohol is served at the venue. Music is supplied to provide ambience for clients who are seated having use of the shisha pipe. Clients would tend to eat and smoke in a relaxed manner over the course of an evening.

#### RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee have heard from the applicant and listened to all the evidence and submissions and considered the written material. The Sub-Committee have also considered the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and our own Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee have also considered the representation made by a local resident and considered all written representations made to it.

The Sub-Committee notes that, prior to the meeting, you agreed the proposed conditions from South Wales Police at Appendix C of the report.

After carefully considering your submission today and the written material, the Sub-Committee feel that the proposed application does not have the potential to undermine the Licensing Objectives.

The Sub-Committee therefore resolve to grant the application.

#### 23 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

No urgent items were received.

The meeting terminated at 10.25 am