

LICENSING PANEL
19/11/2019 at 9.30 am



Present: Councillor Shuttleworth (Chair)
Councillors Garry and Sheldon

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Shamim Iqbal	Licensing Hearing and Project Officer
	Constitutional Services
David Smith	Principal Licensing Officer
Alan Palmer	Senior Building Control Officer

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Shuttleworth be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

6 **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

RESOLVED that the Order of Proceedings be noted.

7 **LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Principal Licensing Officer which informed the Panel of an application for a new premises licence in respect of Null and Void, 18 Greaves Street, Oldham that had been referred to the Panel for determination due to a representation being received. The applicant did not attend the meeting.

The Panel noted that the hearing was originally scheduled to take place on the 17th September 2019 however, as one of the Members was not able to attend the hearing due to unforeseen circumstances, it had been adjourned and rescheduled to the 15th October 2019.

On the 15th October 2019 the applicant was unable to attend the scheduled hearing due to his wife being taken ill. The hearing was adjourned and rescheduled to take place on the 19th November 2019.

The Panel was informed that on the 7th June 2019, the applicant, Null and Voids Bar Limited (registered company

number 10841392), applied for a new premises licence in respect of the premises at 18 Greaves Street. Following submission and advertisement of the application, a representation was received from Oldham Council's Building Control section on the 5th July 2019, opposing the grant of the application on the grounds of public safety.



The Panel also be noted that, following consultation with Greater Manchester Police and the Licensing Authority the application had been amended to incorporate the conditions set out in section 4.3 of the report.

The Panel heard from Alan Palmer, Senior Building Control Officer, that there had been no application for the change of use from an office to a bar. There had been an application for Building Control consent but this had not been agreed, as no completion certificate had been issued for the works required. The plans had been agreed but the works on site had not been done. It was explained to the Panel that, once the works were completed, it was for the applicant to book an inspection by Building Control. If the works had been completed satisfactorily, a completion certificate would be issued. No inspection had yet been requested.

Members asked for and received clarification as to how the business had operated previously and what was needed from the applicant to enable a completion certificate to be issued. It was confirmed that, once the works on site had been signed off, there would be no objections to the application for a licence on the conditions set out in the report.

The Principal Licensing Officer summarised the evidence and submissions.

At this point in the proceedings the Panel, in accordance with Regulation 14 (2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulation 2005, moved into private session. In reaching a decision the Panel took into account the relevant provisions of National Guidance and the Council Licensing Policy Statement with reference to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

RESOLVED that, having considered the representations from the Licensing Authority and the Council's Building Control Section and having considered the Licensing Objectives with particular reference to public safety, the premises licence would be granted subject to the completion certificate for the building alterations being issued before the premises could be opened to the public.

The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 10.32 am