

LICENSING PANEL
10/09/2024 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors Hamblett(Chair), Islam and Nasheen

Also in attendance

Elise Brophy- Licensing Officer
Alan Evans- Group Solicitor
Durga Paul- Constitutional Services

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that, Cllr Hamblett elected as the Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Byrne. Cllr Hamblett attended as substitute.

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**

RESOLVED that, there were no public questions to be heard at this meeting.

6 **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

RESOLVED that, the Order of Proceedings be noted.

7 **KOBE RUGER APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE**

Consideration was given to a report which asked the Panel to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Kobe Ruger, The Greaves Building, Hartshead Street, Oldham OL4 5EE which, due to representations being received, has been referred to this Panel for determination.

The Panel were informed that, on the 19th July 2024 the applicant, Kobe Ruger Ltd., applied for the grant of a premises licence for Kobe Ruger. The last date for representations in relation to this application was the 26th August 2024. Representations had been received and were attached at Appendix 14.4 and 14.5 of the report.

The Panel were asked to note, that following consultation with Environmental health and Public Health their representations were withdrawn when the applicant agreed to incorporate the amendments to requested hours and revised conditions on the premises licence. The amendments incorporated are as follows-

- The external terraced area shall not be used between the hours of 8.00pm and 9.00am.
- No music shall be played on the external terrace area between 8.00pm and 9.00am
- Smokers/drinkers wanting to go outside after 8.00pm will be directed to the outside via the entrance onto Hartshead Street and not Lauren Close
- The premises will operate a “Challenge 25” proof of age policy with appropriate training to be provided to staff and the premises to maintain a refusals book

The Panel were asked to consider the Authority’s Licensing Policy Statement.

Their attention was drawn to Section 7, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and Section 12, Public Safety, and Section 13, Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Applicant did not attend.

The Panel heard from an objector, who informed the Panel that there had been issues with litter around the property which is currently operating as a Barber shop and Café. The Objector also raised some instances of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the premises. The Objector expressed her fears of further anti-social behaviour with the introduction of alcohol.

RESOLVED that, the Panel have considered an application for a premises licence for Kobe Ruger, The Greaves Building, Hartshead Street, Oldham and considered representations made by 2 residents.

The panel have noted that the applicant has agreed to amended conditions as a result of representatons made by Environmental Health and Public Health.

Having considered the 4 licensing objectives, in particular crime and disorder and public nuisance, the Panel consider that it is appropriate to grant the licence subject to the proposed conditions as amended. The Panel did not consider that there was sufficient evidence to justify altering the proposed conditions and noted that it is possible to review the licence after it is granted.

The meeting started at 9:40am and ended at 10:57am