

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee C

Date: Tuesday, 31st October, 2023

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor A Dear (Chair)
Councillors C Mulroney (Vice-Chair), S Buckley, N Folkard and
A Jones*
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30.)

In Attendance: A Brown, T Row, A Penn and T Bahannack

Start/End Time: 10.00 am - 11.50 am

548 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Berry (substitute: Councillor A Jones), M Borton (substitute) and A Line (no substitute).

549 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

550 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 5th December, 2022

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 5th December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

551 Entice, 3 Warrior house, 42-82 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2LZ - Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Environment & Place) concerning an application by Wizard Sleeves Bars (Essex) Limited for the renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence in respect of Entice, 3 Warrior House, 42-82 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2LZ.

The application was presented by Mr R Sutherland (the Applicant's Solicitor). Mr K Moloo (Director and Manager of the premises) was also in attendance and gave evidence.

The Sub-Committee noted that one letter of objection had been received in respect of the application. The objector requested to remain anonymous and did not attend the hearing. The objector's principal concerns can be summarised as follows:

- alleged persistent and pervasive level of noise and nuisance caused by security and cashier staff situated at the entrance to the venue and other venue staff who occasion sit and stand at the entrance to the venue, patrons on egress from the

venue, and from passers-by as a consequence of the presence of staff at the entrance to the venue;

- the alleged vibration occasionally experienced in the building, along with occasional loud bursts of sound, disturbance from inside the venue; and
- the potential of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, noise and disturbance being exacerbated.

The Sub-Committee listened to all the evidence and submissions and considered all the documents including the written submissions of the Applicant and the objectors given in evidence. This included a copy of a report prepared by Complete Licensing Consultants, setting out observations of the premises by Mr Studd in the light of the objections received to the application, together with a written statement by Mr Moloo, were submitted by the Applicant's Solicitor and considered by the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee had regard to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1982 (LGMP) as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (PACA) relating to the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEV) ("the Act") and all other relevant legislation, together with the licensing policy of the Council in respect thereof.

The Sub-Committee concluded that on careful consideration of both the evidence submitted by the Applicant and the written evidence of the objector, the imposition of the conditions agreed with the Licensing Authority and any further conditions imposed by the Sub-Committee, would be sufficient to provide for a safe and regulated environment at the Applicant's premises and within the locality. It therefore:

Resolved:-

That the application for renewal of the licence be granted, subject to the existing operating conditions to the current licence set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report of the Executive Director (Environment and Place).

Chair: _____