SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee A

Date: Friday, 7th April, 2017
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor D McGlone (Chair),
Councillors D Jarvis and D Kenyon

In Attendance: Councillor J Garston
A Brown, T Row, M Newton and R Layzell

Start/End Time: 10.00 am - 1.10 pm

931   Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

932   Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

933   Seven Hotel, 7 Clifton Terrace, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 1DS - Application for the Grant of Premises Licence

The sub-committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) concerning an application made by Seven Hotels Ltd for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Seven Hotel, 7-9 Clifton Terrace, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 1DT.

The Application was presented by the applicant's solicitor, Mr S Thomas. Mr S Chickte, the Designated Premises Supervisor, was also in attendance.

The sub-committee noted that no letters of objection to this application were received from the Responsible Authorities and measures have been agreed between the applicant and Essex Police and the Licensing Authority as set out in Appendix 3 to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) should the application be granted.

Representations had however, been received from twenty one local residents and one of the Ward Councillors. Four of those residents, namely Mr Harrison, Mr Kirschner and Mr & Mrs Feakes attended the hearing. Only Mr Harrison and Mr Kirschner spoke and gave evidence at the hearing. Councillor J Garston also attended the hearing and gave evidence. He also spoke on behalf of a number of the other residents who were unable to the hearing.

The residents' concerns focussed on the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance and, in particular, noise nuisance as the premises was located in a residential conservation area.

The sub-committee listened to all the evidence and submissions, and read all the documents. It had regard to the Statutory Guidance Notes and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. The sub-committee further considered the four licensing objectives namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

On the basis of the evidence presented to it, the sub-committee considered that the licensing objectives and the objectors' concerns would be adequately addressed by the proposed conditions to be imposed on the licence. The sub-committee therefore:

Resolved:-

That the application be granted subject to:

(i) The Mandatory Conditions set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place);

(ii) The conditions set out in Appendix 2 to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place),

(iii) The conditions set out in Appendix 3 to the report to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) agreed between the applicant and the Essex Police and the Licensing Authority, subject to the following amendment to condition 5:

"A 'challenge 25' scheme shall be adopted whereby any persons who appear under the age of 25 are challenged for proof of age. The only acceptable forms of ID shall be a Passport, card style driving licence, UK forces ID card and any 'PASS' accredited card."

(iv) The following additional conditions:-

(a) The premises licence holder shall ensure that no external bottle and refuse bins will be emptied between the hours of 21.00 to 09.00 daily.

(b) A notice shall be prominently displayed advising departing customers to leave the premises quietly and to close their car doors quietly.

(c) At least one director or the duty manager of the hotel shall be on the premises at all times between the hours of 10.00 a.m. until one hour after the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol to non-residents.

(d) A contact telephone number shall be clearly displayed on the hotel's website, should a member of the public wish to discuss any matter relating to the premises.

Chairman: _____