

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Act Sub-Committee**
held on Tuesday, 26th March, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Edwardes (Chair)
Councillors A Heler and R Kain

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader
Amanda Andrews, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Amy Scott, Licensing Officer
Mark Vyse, Environmental Health Officer
Garry Coughlan, Lawyer
Sam Jones, Democratic Services Officer

22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED:

That Councillor D Edwardes be appointed as Chair.

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

In the interests of openness, the following declarations were made:

Councillor David Edwardes declared that he knew Sue Helliwell (objector) and had done for several years.

Councillor Reg Kain declared that he was an Alsager Parish Councillor.

24 APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE - THE VAULT, 19 CREWE ROAD, ALSAGER, CHESHIRE, ST7 2EP

Minutes:

The Committee considered a report to vary a premises license for The Vault, 19 Crewe Road, Alsager, Cheshire, ST7 2EP.

The following attended the hearing and made representations with respect to the application:

- The applicants
- Objectors

After a full hearing of the application and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported, that after taking account of:

- The oral and written representations made by all parties to the hearing.
- The licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance.
- The Secretary of State's Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 (Dec 2022).
- Cheshire East Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

During the hearing the applicant confirmed that they intended to amend their application by reducing the hours applied for. Those amended hours would match the planning application that had recently been granted. The applicant provided a letter from Cheshire East Council's planning dated 20 March 2024, which confirmed in writing the changes being made to the variation of the premises licence.

After retiring to consider whether this material, produced less than 24 hours before the hearing, should be admitted in evidence, the committee resolved that, as the material represented a concession by the Applicant on the issue of opening hours, the letter should be admitted.

This had the effect of amending the opening hours sought in their application to as follows:

Monday – Thursday – 09:00 hours – 23:00 hours

Friday – Saturday (and Sunday when followed by a Bank Holiday Monday) and New Year's Eve - 09:00 hours – 00:30 hours.

Sunday (except when followed by a bank holiday Monday) - 09:00 hours – 21:00 hours.

The following course of action had been agreed:

RESOLVED:

The application to vary for the Premises Licence for The Vault at 19 Crewe Road, Alsager, ST7 2EP is **GRANTED** subject to the Operating Schedule accompanying the application, the additional conditions set out in this Decision Notice, and any mandatory conditions that must be included on the licence in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. The terms of the existing licence remain applicable, save as expressly varied by this Notice.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.34 pm

Councillor D Edwardes (Chair)