

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LICENSING HEARING**

At a meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee** held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF at 10:05 am on Friday 18 January 2019

**PRESENT**

Councillor I Hutchinson  
(in the Chair)

**COUNCILLORS**

K Parry

C Seymour

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

H Bowers  
T Hardy  
N Masson

Democratic Services Officer  
Licensing Manager  
Principal Solicitor, Regulation

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

P H Fry  
C L J Trueman

Applicant  
Applicant

D Grenfell

Licensing Officer

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ian Hutchinson be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

**2. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE STATION COFFEE HOUSE, STATION HOUSE, DENE CLOSE, RIDING MILL, NE44 6JD**

The purpose of the hearing was to determine the application for a new Premises Licence in respect of The Station Coffee House, Dene Close, Riding Mill, NE44 6JD (the premises).

Tasmin Hardy, Licensing Manager introduced the report and informed the Committee that the application was before Members as four representations had been received in objection from interested parties on the grounds of public nuisance. One representation had been received in support of of the application.

Ms Hardy advised the Committee that the applicants had agreed to reduce the timings for the supply of alcohol to Monday to Sunday 11:00 - 21:00 to alleviate the objectors concerns. The Licensing Department had written to the objector asking them to contact the Licensing Department if they wished withdraw their representation but this had not occurred.

All the objections related to the licensing objective of public nuisance with a reference to crime and disorder.

Miss Fry and Mrs Trueman, applicants, addressed the sub committee providing background information and the reasons why they should be granted a premises licence. The panel then asked questions of the applicants.

The objectors were not in attendance.

The sub-committee considered the officer's report, all written representations and the verbal submission of the applicants.

Members of the sub committee remained in the meeting to deliberate and make their decision and all others, except the legal advisor, left the room.

When all were asked to return to the meeting the Chair informed the applicants of the sub committee's decision.

**RESOLVED** that the sub committee have considered all representations before it and had determined to **GRANT** the application.

Reasons

1. The reason for this decision is that the objection is based on perceived problems and there is no evidence that the granting of the licence will undermine the licensing objectives. In granting this licence the sub-committee are satisfied that this will uphold the licensing objectives.

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_