

**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 Wednesday, 29 May 2019

**PRESENT**

Councillor I Hutchinson  
(in the Chair)

**COUNCILLORS**

T Cessford  
R Gibson

W Pattison (Reserve)

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

H Bowers  
H Gebbie  
N Masson

Democratic Services Officer  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Solicitor, Regulation

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr G Fernandes  
Mr C Thompson

Applicant  
Applicant

**1. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Membership and Terms of Reference for the Licensing Committee, as agreed by Council on 1 May 2019 and the subsequent changes in the Membership were reported for information.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

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

Ch.'s Initials.....

### 3. REPORTS OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

#### **Application for a premises licence in respect of Lairds House Northumberland Ltd, 40 Front Street West, Bedlington, NE22 5UB (the Premises)**

Heather Gebbie, Senior Licensing Officer advised that the application was before the Sub-Committee to determine the application of a premises licence in respect of Lairds House Northumberland Ltd. The applicants had applied for the licensable activities on and off the premises for supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment and late night refreshment on the premises. A copy of the application is attached as Appendix A.

Two representations had been received from interested parties on the grounds of public nuisance. (Appendix B).

On 8 April 2019 the applicants had agreed to conditions proposed by the Environmental Health department with regards to public nuisance (Appendix C).

An email from one of the objectors had been circulated to Members and applicants prior to the hearing.

Members were informed that following consideration of the report, representations and verbal submissions, the Sub-Committee were required to determine the review on the conclusion of the hearing.

Members were reminded that they could only attach conditions in respect of those matters which were subject to the application and in respect of which a relevant representation had been made; and that were appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

All parties present confirmed that they had received and read the copy of the application and supporting documentation within the agenda and the additional information which had been circulated prior to the commencement of the hearing.

The applicants then gave a verbal submission in support of their application.

Members then asked questions of the applicant.

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 applicant of the Sub-Committee's decision:

The Sub-Committee have considered all written and verbal representations before them and have determined to **GRANT** the application for a premises licence as set out in the application. This includes the sale of alcohol to residents “only” for 24 hours, and is subject to the conditions before the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee’s reasoning and findings were outlined as follows:-

- The Sub-Committee has considered the risk of noise nuisance affecting nearby residents but are satisfied that the measures set out in the application and in the agreed conditions are sufficient to allay any concerns. The application would therefore uphold the licensing objectives.

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

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