

LICENSING OF ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The procedure of the Sub-Committee will be as follows:

1. The Chair will open the meeting by:
 - (a) Introducing the Members of the Sub-Committee (at the same time indicating any change in membership), and the Officers present, to the parties and any other person in attendance, including any representative of the press;
 - (b) stating the nature of the matter to be considered, (including a reference to the name of the premises or place concerned) and
 - (c) explaining the procedure to be followed.
2. The Chair will ask those present to introduce themselves and:
 - (a) if any party, without prior notice, fails to attend or to be represented, the Sub-Committee will consider whether or not it is necessary in the public interest to adjourn the hearing to a specified date;
 - (b) if any party is unaccompanied, the Chair will clarify whether that party understood it was permissible to have a representative;
 - (c) the Chair will establish whether it is proposed anyone speak as a spokesperson;
 - (d) the Sub-Committee will consider:
 - (i) any properly made request by a party for permission for any other person, (not being a representative), to appear and
 - (ii) any request to provide late documentary or other information and will only take the same into account if the other parties consent.
3. The Chair will ask whether any Member has an interest to declare and whether any Member has visited the premises or place the subject of the application.
4. The Chair will establish whether all Members of the Sub-Committee have read the papers before them, and then announce the order of speakers.
5. The Chair will ask the Officers present to confirm whether there has been compliance with all relevant requirements and to summarise any relevant information, as necessary.
6. Members may ask any relevant question of any Officer.
7. The Chair will ask each person who is to speak at the meeting for an indication of how much time he or she reasonably estimates is required to make relevant points concisely, and without undue repetition, and will consider a maximum period of time to be applied equally in the case of all the parties.
8. The Sub-Committee will hear from the Applicant (or representative, if applicable), any other party who has made relevant representations (in that order).
9. In every case at a suitable point, Members of the Sub-Committee may ask relevant questions of each party.

10. The Sub-Committee will consider any party's request to question/cross-examine another party and will not permit cross-examination unless it is of the view that it is required in order for Members to consider the representations, application or notice as the case may be.
11. The Chair will invite any person who has addressed the Sub-Committee, or those representing them, to summarise their points if they wish.
12. The Chair will seek confirmation from all parties that they are satisfied they have made all the pertinent points which they wished to make.
13. Members of the Sub-Committee will discuss what has been said and written on the matter before them and make their decision. The Chair may request that the applicant or licence holder, other persons, representatives (if any) and any Officer present (with the exception of the Legal Officer and the Democratic Services Officer) withdraw during this process – if any further clarification or information is required from any person, all parties will be recalled.
14. The Chair will confirm the decision, the reasons for the decision, and any condition placed upon the licence (if granted).
15. The Sub-Committee's decision will be confirmed in writing by the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Services).

Please Note:

- All properly made applications, notices and representations received from absent parties will be considered.
- An Applicant has a right to appeal, details of which can be obtained via the Licensing Officer.
- The Authority has the right to require any person who, in its opinion, is behaving in a disruptive manner, to leave the hearing and may preclude, or impose conditions in relation to, that person's return.