

**Swindon Borough Council
Licensing Act 2003 – Licensing Panel**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, 24 July 2013

Place of Hearing: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices

Time of Hearing: 12.00 p.m.

Panel Members:

Conservative Councillors

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John Haines

Labour Councillors

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AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of Chair**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

- 4. Application for Premises Licence The Brunel Rooms, Havelock Square, Swindon together with a copy of each relevant representation made and supporting documents (Pages 3 - 46)**

Date of Despatch: 19 July 2013

Access Arrangements – The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but have any special requirement to enable you to do so please contact the Committee Clerk above, as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.

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INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY NOTICE OF HEARING

Action following receipt of Notice of Hearing:

A party shall give to the Licensing Panel within the period of time provided for in the following provisions of this regulation a notice (in the form attached) stating: -

- Whether he intends to attend or be represented at the hearing.
- Whether he considers a hearing to be unnecessary.
- In a case where a party wishes any other person (other than the person he intends to represent him at the hearing) to appear at the hearing, the notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain a request for permission for such other person to appear at the hearing accompanied by details of the name of that person and a brief description of the point or points on which that person may be able to assist the authority in relation to the application, representations or notice of the party making the request.

The following notice periods apply:

No later than one working day in respect of:

- Cancellation of interim authority notice following police objection, or
- Counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice.

No later than two working days before the first day of hearing:

- Review of premises licence following closure order or review of premises licence following review notice;
- Determination of application for conversion of existing licence;
- Determination of application for conversion of existing club certificate; or
- Determination of application by holder of justices' licence for grant of personal licence.

In any other case, the party shall give the notice no later than five working days before the day or the first day on which the hearing is to be held.

Right of attendance, assistance and representation:

A party may attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.

The hearing will take place in public. However the Licensing Panel may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public. For these purposes a party and any person assisting or representing a party may be treated as a member of the public.

The Licensing Panel may require any person attending the hearing who in their opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may:

- refuse to permit that person to return, or
- permit him to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify.

Any such person may, before the end of the hearing, submit to the authority in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave.

Representations and Supporting Information:

At the hearing a party shall be entitled to:

- Give further information as appropriate in response to a point upon which the Licensing Panel has given notice that clarification is required (Note – if clarification is required from any party this will have been indicated in the Notice of Hearing);
- If given permission by the Licensing Panel, question any other party; and
- Address the authority.
- Failure of Parties to attend the Hearing

If a party has informed the authority that he does not intend to attend or be represented at a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.

If a party who has not so indicated fails to attend or be represented at a hearing the authority may: -

- Where it considers it to be necessary in the public interest, adjourn the hearing to a specified date, or
- Hold the hearing in the party's absence.
- Where the authority holds the hearing in the absence of a party, the authority shall consider at the hearing the application, representations or notice made by that party.
- Where the authority adjourns the hearing to a specified date it must forthwith notify the parties of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned

Procedure:

A summary of the procedure that will normally be followed at the hearing is attached.

It should be noted that this is a general procedure intended to cover matters that will normally be applicable at all Hearings. However depending on the circumstances of each individual case, it is recognised that other issues may need to be considered as preliminary points at the hearing. These may include (but are not limited to): -

- Whether to proceed in the absence of a party;
- Whether to admit new documents or information submitted at the hearing;
- Whether it is in the public interest to exclude members of the public from the hearing or any part of it;

- Whether any party wished to withdraw representations previously submitted
- Whether to disregard any information given by a party or any person to whom permission to appear at the hearing is given by the authority which is not relevant to:
 - Their application, representations or notice (as applicable) or in the case of another person, the application representations or notice of the party requesting their appearance, and
 - The promotion of the licensing objectives