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# Merton Council

## **Licensing Sub-Committee**

Membership

#### Councillors:

Agatha Mary Akyigyina OBE

Nigel Benbow

David Simpson CBE

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee will be held on:

- Date: 3 August 2020
- Time: 10.30 am
- Venue: This will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location, in accordance with s78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

#### Agenda for this meeting

- 1 Appointment of Chair
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
- 4 PJ Star Ltd T/A Papa John's Pizza, 413 Durnsford Road, 1 40 Wimbledon Park, SW19 8EE

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### Procedure to be followed at Licensing Hearing

- 1. The Chair will welcome all parties and all present will be introduced/introduce themselves
- 2. The Chair will confirm the sub-committee hearing procedures, a copy of which was included in the notice and agenda packs sent to all parties.
- 3. The Chair will ask the Legal Adviser to inform those present that the subcommittee had a briefing prior to the hearing to confirm the procedure and for clarification on any aspect of the application.
- 4. The Chair will ask Legal Adviser to confirm the process for questioning and whether there had been any requests for adjournments.
- The Chair will ask the Licensing Officer if there are any technical issues they feel should be brought to their attention i.e. withdrawal of objector/agreed conditions (Note: If all objections are withdrawn then the Sub-Committee may go straight to point 14.
  If all conditions are agreed by all parties then the Sub-Committee may go straight to point 14)
- 6. The Applicant will present their case. Questions can then be asked of the Applicant by the Responsible Authorities, the interested parties and members of the Sub-Committee.
- 7. The Responsible Authorities will present their case. Questions can then be asked of the Responsible Authorities by the Applicant, the interested parties, and members of the Sub-Committee.
- 8. Presentation by any interested party. Questions can then be asked of the interested party by the Applicants, the Responsible Authorities and members of the Sub-Committee.
- 9. The Chair will ask the Licensing Officer for any comments/ clarifications
- 10. The Chair will ask the Legal Adviser for any comments/clarifications
- 11. The Chair will invite closing statements by the responsible authorities
- 12. The Chair will invite closing statements by the interested parties
- 13. The Chair will invite closing statements by the Applicant
- 14. The Chair will announce that the Sub-Committee are retiring for private session. The Legal Officer and Clerk will be invited to also retire to provide advice. The Chair will advise that all parties should receive a written copy of the decision notice within 5 working days and will close the hearing.
- 15. In closed session the Sub-Committee will make their decision. They may ask the Legal Officer for advice during this session. This advice will be detailed in the decision notice.