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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee on
Wednesday, 25th September, 2019 at 10.00 am
in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR

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Chief Executive

Membership: Councillors Jonathan Noble, Frank Pickett and Stephen Woodliffe

A G E N D A

PART I - PRELIMINARIES

A APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

B DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive declarations of interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

PART II - AGENDA ITEMS

1 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- EUROPEAN FOOD, 43 WIDE BARGATE, BOSTON (Pages 1 - 72)

(A report by Fiona White, Licensing & Land Charges Manager)

Notes:

The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Janette Collier, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Municipal Buildings, Boston, 01205 314227 email: janette.collier@boston.gov.uk

Council Members who are not able to attend the meeting should notify Janette Collier, Senior Democratic Services Officer as soon as possible.

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The procedures for the hearing appear overleaf

LICENSING ACT 2003

HEARING PROCEDURE – APPLICATIONS AND VARIATIONS

Introduction

The **Chairman** will:

- Welcome everyone
- Ask for any Declarations of Interest
- State the purpose of the hearing
- Introduce the Members of the Sub-Committee
- *Introduce the:*
Legal Representative
Democratic Service Clerk and the
Licensing & Land Charges Manager
- Explain that all parties have been given notice to attend the hearing and that the hearing will proceed notwithstanding a party's failure to attend the hearing.

The **Legal Advisor** will explain the following procedure:

If any party intends to make reference to information which they believe should be private and confidential they are advised to make an application under The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulation 2005 regulation 14 upon which the Sub-Committee will determine whether the public should be excluded from the hearing in accordance with that regulation.

1. **The Licensing & Land Charges Manager** will address the hearing and provide details of the premises and a summary of the premises' licensing history (*if applicable*)
2. **The Applicant or the Applicants' representative** will then present their case.
 - They will call any witnesses to give evidence in support of their case.
 - The Representatives (*who have made representations/objections*) may then question the Applicant and / or their witnesses.
 - The Members of the Sub-Committee may then ask questions of the Applicant of their witnesses.
 - The Applicant or their representative will then be offered the final opportunity of asking any further questions of their witnesses in order to clarify any points raised in earlier questioning.
3. **Each individual Objector will then present their case in turn:**
 - The Objector and / or their representative will provide the reasons for their objection.
 - The Objector and / or their representative will then call any witnesses in support.

- The Applicant and / or their representative may then question the Objector / witnesses
 - The Members of the Sub-Committee may then question the Objector / witnesses
 - The Objector and / or their representative will then be given the final opportunity of asking any further questions of their witnesses to clarify any points raised in earlier questioning.
- 4 The Applicant will then be asked by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee if, in light of the objections, they wish to amend their application. *(When the Sub-Committee retires they will only consider the application before them at that time)*

If the Applicant wishes to amend the application, or indicates that they are prepared for Members to give consideration to an amended application if they are minded to refuse the original application, the Objectors are to be allowed to comment on the amended application.

5. **Closing Statement or Summary**

- Each individual objector can, in turn, summarise any points they wish to make and comment briefly on the Applicant's replies to questions.
They cannot introduce any new issues at this stage.
- The Applicants can summarise any points they wish to make and comment briefly on the Objector's replies to questions.
They cannot introduce any new issues at this stage.

6. **Conclusion**

- The Chairman will then ask the Legal Advisor whether there are any other matters to be raised or resolved before the Sub-Committee retires to begin its deliberations.
The Sub-Committee will exclude the press and public from its deliberations and its decision making.

- The Chairman will advise the hearing that the Sub-Committee will retire to consider the application and that the Legal Advisor will be retiring with them but will take not part in the deliberation.

If legal advice is given by the Legal Advisor in the course of deliberations the Legal Advisor will reiterate this advice in summary form to the hearing when the hearing is reconvened.

- If any party to the hearing, or the Licensing & Land Charges Manager, are required to address the Sub-Committee during its deliberations, all parties will be invited to hear these issues.
- Once a decision has been made, the Sub-Committee will return and the Chairman announces the decision and gives reasons for the decision including any conditions that have been attached and the right of appeal if necessary.
- The decision will subsequently be formally notified to the Applicant and the Objector in writing by the Licensing Authority within 5 working days.