

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the **Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 29 October 2020** at **2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell, L Brown, K Liddell and M Wilson

Also Present:

Mr S Buston, Council's Solicitor

Ms H Johnson, Licensing Team Leader

PC C McNaney, Durham Constabulary - Applicant

Mr Kemp, Barrister - Premises Licence Holder's Legal Representative

Miss Richardson, K K & Co Solicitors - Instructing Solicitor

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Application for the Review of a Premises Licence - Best Kebab, 4 South Street, Crook, Co. Durham

At approximately 2.40 pm, the Council's Solicitor explained the delay to the commencement of the business was due to absence of the Premises Licence Holder. Mr Kemp, the Premises Licence Holder's legal representative, thanked the sub-committee for their patience and explained the Premises Licence Holder was not in attendance at the instructing solicitor's office, in order to participate in the remote hearing, as he was unaware of the date and time of the hearing. The Premises Licence Holder had attempted to join the meeting by telephone however he had difficulty hearing what was being said, and, as the Premises Licence Holder's first language is not English, he required the assistance of an interpreter.

The interpreter had also failed to attend the meeting. Mr Kemp therefore respectfully requested the sub-committee give consideration to the adjournment of the hearing, to ensure the Premises Licence Holder could attend the hearing, by the appropriate means.

At approximately 2.44 pm the sub-committee adjourned, to consider legal advice from the Council's Solicitor.

The meeting resumed at approximately 2.50 pm and it was

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be adjourned until 1.30 pm on Monday 23 November 2020 to enable the Premises Licence Holder to attend the meeting, or, to provide instructions to his legal representatives.