

DISPENSATIONS SUB (STANDARDS) COMMITTEE

Friday, 1 February 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman David Graves
Mark Greenburgh

Deputy Edward Lord
Jeremy Simons

Officers:

Leanne Murphy - Town Clerk's Department
Edward Wood - Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Having been moved and seconded, Deputy Edward Lord was duly elected as Chairman for the purposes of the Sub Committee meeting.

RESOLVED - That Deputy Edward Lord be elected as Chairman of the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee.

2. DISPENSATION REQUESTS

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relative to a request for a dispensation from Ms Ann Holmes, Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Within. It was noted that Ms Holmes had requested a dispensation to speak as a member of the public at the Licensing (Hearing) Sub Committee on 4 February 2019 in relation to a licensing application for a cafe at 22-23 Bartholomew Close, EC1A 7BB. Ms Holmes confirmed the nature of her disclosable pecuniary interest as the joint owner of a leasehold flat at 43 Bartholomew Close, which was on the possible exit route from the premises.

It was confirmed that Ms Holmes was not a Member of the Licensing Committee but that the premises fell within her Ward (Farringdon Within) and that she had submitted a written objection. In response to a query regarding whether any of the other seven Ward Members for Farringdon Within were attending the Hearing in their capacity as Common Councilmen, the Town Clerk confirmed that no other Ward Members were attending the Hearing.

The Sub Committee noted that under the draft dispensations policy, which was not yet in force but had been approved in principle by the Standards Committee, Members who did not sit on the Licensing Committee should generally be permitted to speak with the same rights as a member of the public on licensing applications. The Sub Committee saw no reason to depart from that agreed position in respect of the current application and considered that granting the dispensation would be in the interests of persons living in the City.

RESOLVED - That a dispensation be granted for Ann Holmes to speak as a member of the public at the Licensing (Hearing) Sub Committee on 4 February 2019 and at any adjourned hearing of the matter.

4. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no further urgent business.

The meeting closed at 11.06 am

Chairman

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