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Wednesday 15 April 2026

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Licensing Panel

The **Licensing Panel** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **9.30 am** on **Thursday 23 April 2026**.

This meeting will be live webcast. To access the webcast please go to the Council's website at the time of the meeting and follow the instructions on the page.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Samantha Lawton

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Kirklees Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair/Clerk of their intentions prior to the meeting.

The Licensing Panel members are:-

Member

Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)

Councillor Zarina Amin

Councillor Alex Vickers

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Panel

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 17th March 2026.

3: Declaration of Interests

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Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

4: Admission of the Public

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Panel.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Panel will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

6: Exclusion of the Public

To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

7: Licensing Act 2003 - Review of a Personal Licence

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This report is recommended for consideration in private because the information contained in it is exempt information within Paragraph 1 of part 1 to schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to Information) variation order 2006. It is considered the report contains information relating to any individual. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the information in terms of accountability, transparency and openness in council decision making.

To consider the application at 9:30am.

Contact – Steve Mycroft, Licensing Officer - 01484 221000

Contact Officer: Jenny Bryce-Chan

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Alex Vickers

In attendance: Steve Mycroft, Licensing Officer
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
Alexandra Garry, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Tahir Hanif, Legal Advisor to the Panel

62 Membership of the Panel
No apologies were received.

63 Minutes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

64 Declaration of Interests
No interests were declared.

65 Admission of the Public
All agenda items were considered in public session.

66 Deputations/Petitions
No deputations or petitions were received.

67 Licensing Act 2003 - Application for Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury, WF13 3LQ

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road Dewsbury, WF13 3LQ.

The Licensing Officer outlined the application, advising the Panel that on the on 29th January 2026, the Licensing Department received an application for the Grant of a New premises licence for Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury, WF13. The licensable activities applied for by the applicant were as follows:

Provision of late-night refreshments:

- Monday to Thursday - 7pm to 2am the following day

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- Friday to Sunday - 7pm to 3am the following day

As the appellant was not in attendance at the hearing, the Panel considered the written submissions contained within the application.

The Panel heard from Kirklees Environmental Health Service, who made representations in relation to the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective, outlining concerns regarding the potential for noise nuisance to nearby residential properties arising from customers and delivery vehicles.

Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel, in reaching its decision, had due regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act.

RESOLVED-

That the application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Velora Desserts, 717 Huddersfield Road Dewsbury, WF13 3LQ be refused.

The reasons for the Panel's decision were that:

- Concerns raised by Environmental Health, which highlighted that the close proximity of residential properties to the premises, combined with the arrival, departure, and congregation of customers, as well as associated delivery vehicle movements, would likely to result in unreasonable disturbance.
- The proposed hours of business operation are the most sensitive time for noise disturbance and concluded that there are no conditions that would mitigate the noise outside the premises, and the circumstances of granting the licence would undermine the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective.
- The Environmental Health evidence was persuasive and unchallenged.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS				
Licensing Panel				
Name of Councillor				
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest	

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and

(b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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