

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 NOVEMBER 2013

PRESENT

Councillor C. Candish (in the Chair),
Councillors B. Sharp, D. Bunting, M. Freeman, P. Gratrix, D. Jarman, E. Malik,
P. Myers, B. Rigby, E.W. Stennett, N. Taylor and Mrs. J. Wilkinson.

Also present

Mr D Cohen – Owner, Victoria Warehouse
PC S Collister – Greater Manchester Police
Mr J Drape – Events Specialist, Ground Control Group
Mr S Lord-Marchionne – Managing Director, Warehouse Project
Dr F Measham – Professor of Criminology at Durham University
Ms K O'Brien – Designated Premises Supervisor, Warehouse Project
Superintendent J Liggett – Greater Manchester Police
Mr S Reynolds – Solicitor on behalf of Victoria Warehouse
Councillor D Acton – Gorse Hill Ward
Councillor M Cordingley – Gorse Hill Ward
Councillor L Walsh – Gorse Hill Ward

In attendance

Mark Jones	Interim Head of Legal Service
Iain Veitch	Head of Public Protection
Joe Marriott	Public Protection Manager
Helen Darlington	Health Improvement Manager, Health & Wellbeing
Richard Pollitt	Scientific Officer, Environmental Protection
Ruth Worsley	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Lally, Mrs J. Reilly and J.G. Smith.

11. WAREHOUSE PROJECT, VICTORIA WAREHOUSE, TRAFFORD PARK ROAD, TRAFFORD PARK M17 1AB

The Public Protection Manager welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Managing Director of the Warehouse Project to Committee Members.

The Managing Director of the Warehouse Project then provided a summary of the information included in the report including the tragic incident that occurred on the night of the 28th September 2013. The Managing Director then went on to explain that following this a full review of all existing policies and procedures had taken place and indicated the additional measures that had now been implemented. He also emphasised that The Warehouse Project would continue to work closely with Greater Manchester Police and Trafford Council throughout the season of events.

Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and discussions followed regarding both existing policies and procedures and the additional measures applied to ensure an ethos of continuous improvement.

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Councillor Acton and Councillor Walsh were also given an opportunity to raise their concerns and ask questions on behalf of the local residents within the Gorse Hill Ward.

The Managing Director circulated a number of leaflets including information on crowd management and plans for event safety and offered an invitation to anyone present to come and visit the premises.

The Chairman thanked the Managing Director for his worthwhile presentation and everyone at the meeting for their attendance and contribution to the discussions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.52 pm