

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 2
Tuesday, 28th January, 2020 at 10.00 am
In the Council Chamber, the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor M Evans (Chair)
Councillors J Baines and P Drake

Officers:-

B Hughes – Assistant Team Manager (Directorate of Public Realm), R Clark – Principal Solicitor and H Shepherd – Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

28 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

29 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December, 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed.

30 **Application for House to House Collections Licence – Your Donation Ltd (Boot out Breast Cancer)**

A report of the Director of Public Realm was submitted for the grant of a House to House Collections Licence in respect of Your Donation Ltd (Boot out Breast Cancer).

Mr P Nazarov, Company Director, was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions the Assistant Team Manager presented the report on behalf of the Council and in doing so stated that the application had been deferred by Licensing Sub-Committee 2 on 10th December, 2019 for additional information on a breakdown of profits to be provided, which had subsequently been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, together with additional supporting information.

Mr Nazarov confirmed that he had nothing further to add to his presentation, but would accept questions from the Sub-Committee.

In response to a question raised, Mr Nazarov confirmed that a local charity provision within the Dudley Borough had not been engaged. The company had house to house collection licences issued from various authorities around the country, and financial support was provided to a number of hospitals and charities.

Arising from a further question from a Member in relation to the costs paid to the collections team, it was stated that an extensive process was undertaken prior to the items collected being dispatched/sold and that a lot of effort and resource was required to achieve a high quality product. It was further confirmed that local companies and sub-contractors were appointed to undertake the collections.

In considering how the Borough of Dudley would benefit from the house to house collections, Mr Nazarov stated that it would take time for the charity to expand, however a plan would be devised to incorporate the West Midlands.

In response to a question raised, Mr Nazarov outlined in detail the percentage of each different type of material collected and grading of each material type. It was stated that the charity would receive a percentage of the cost for each tonne of materials collected and that the company had profited approximately £6000 in the last financial year. Although it was recognised that this was not a significant amount of income, Mr Nazarov confirmed that the company was a fairly new organisation and it was hoped that different projects would be developed in the future.

Mr Nazarov commented that the application submitted in 2017 had previously been refused as the Sub-Committee had insufficient financial information available to make a decision. He provided comparable information of other licence holders that had been granted by Dudley and who offered a similar service as Your Donation Ltd, and confirmed that the amount donated to charity was in line with all other organisations.

The parties then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved

That, the application for a House to House Collection Licence in respect of Your Donation Ltd on behalf of Boot Out Breast Cancer, be approved for a period of twelve months, at the end of which the Sub-Committee be provided with full income and expenditure accounts, detailing gross figures; the amount granted to charity and what local partnerships had been identified and the benefits provided to the local area.

The meeting ended at 11.57 pm

CHAIR