

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
8th September, 2005

PRESENT – Councillors Maybrey, J.C. Vasey and Wilson. (3)

APOLOGIES – None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Foster. (1)

LS20. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor Maybrey be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

LS21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LS22. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – VARIATION – THE FORUM MUSIC CENTRE, BOROUGH ROAD, DARLINGTON - The Director of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated) giving details of a contested application from David Cox in relation to the Forum Music Centre, Borough Road, Darlington to vary its Premises Licence.

Mr. Cox, the applicant, addressed the meeting and responded to Members' questions. The applicant also responded to the 'points of clarification' highlighted in the submitted report. Mr. and Mrs. Currie, who had objected to the application did not attend the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of the objectors and the applicant in accordance with the "Licensing Sub-Committees – Full Hearing Procedure for Applications for Personal Licences Where Representations Have Been Received.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted to vary the hours for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment and the inclusion of plays as part of regulated entertainment subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) That conspicuous and legible signage will be prominently displayed within the premises at each exit, requesting that patrons leave the establishment in a quiet and orderly manner.
- (b) That a digital CCTV system, approved by Durham Constabulary is installed and maintained inside and outside the premises. The external cameras should cover all entry/exit points the car park and the street immediately outside of the premises.
- (c) That no smoking shall be permitted in any room, at any time, when children under the age of 18 years are present in the building.
- (d) That Room 3 shall not be used by Heavy Rock Bands (or similar) on Sunday afternoons between 12 noon and 6.00 p.m.
- (e) That a sound limiting device is installed, the level of which is to be set at 85 db(A) and that this is to be checked by the Council's Environmental Health Officers to ensure that there is no noise nuisance to local residents.

In making its decision the Sub-Committee took into account :-

- (a) Most of the problems raised by the Interested Parties appear to stem from the use of Room No. 3 and these are now covered by the conditions placed on the licence.

- (b) The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the door staff utilised by the premises can manage the dispersal of patrons.
- (c) The Sub-Committee accept that most of the examples of anti-social behaviour were not connected with these premises.