

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**28th April, 2006**

**PRESENT** – Councillors Flowers, Newall and Maybrey. (3)

**APOLOGIES** – None.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillor J.C. Vasey (1)

**LS61. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED** – That Councillor Maybrey be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

**LS62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**LS63. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC – RESOLVED** – That, pursuant to Sections 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraph 14, of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**LS64. REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE (EXCLUSION NO. 14)** - The Director of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application by Durham Constabulary to review a Premises Licence in respect of The Queen’s Head Hotel, Tubwell Row, Darlington.

Inspector S. Collingwood on behalf of Durham Constabulary addressed the meeting and responded to Members’ questions and to the ‘points for clarification’ highlighted in the submitted report. Mr. J. Hylden, Goschalks Solicitors and Mr. M. Wallbank, the representative from Enterprise Inns as Premises Licence Holder also addressed the meeting and also responded to the ‘points of clarification’.

Following an adjournment of five minutes to enable both parties to clarify a number of points and agree to their submission, Inspector Collingwood briefly outlined several issues relating to incidents of crime and disorder that had taken place at the premises between 15th January and 10th April, 2006.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of the applicant for review in accordance with Guidance issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 and in accordance with the “Licensing Sub-Committees – Full Hearing Procedure for Applications for Reviews of Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates Where Relevant Representations Have Been Received”.

**RESOLVED** – That, in view of the efforts made by Enterprise Inns, revocation of the Premises Licence would be disproportionate, although in light of the serious concerns at the activity on the premises Members decided to impose two additional conditions on the Premises Licence to address the licensing objective relating to prevention of crime and disorder as follows :-

- (a) That a Personal Licence Holder must be on the premises at all times when alcohol is available for sale or supply;

- (b) That whenever the Designated Premises Supervisor is away from the premises for a period in excess of 36 hours, the Police and Licensing Authority must be given seven days notice, in writing, of who will be responsible for the premises and the sale of alcohol and why this person is suitable to take on this responsibility.