

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
19th December, 2007

PRESENT – Councillors Lawton, Newall and Vasey. (3)

LS17. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor Vasey be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

LS18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LS19. REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE – The Queens Head Hotel, 5 Tubwell Row -
The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application by Durham Constabulary to review a Premises Licence in respect of the Queens Head Hotel, 5 Tubwell Row.

Sgt. Tim Kelly, on behalf of Durham Constabulary, accompanied by their solicitor Mr. C. Southey addressed the meeting and responded to Members' questions. Mr. P. Cramer, representing Admiral Taverns and their solicitor Mr. D. Lucas also addressed the meeting and responded to Members' question.

At the hearing the Police advised the Members that they were seeking a review of the premises licence with a view to resolving concerns relating to Crime and Disorder and outlined a number of incidents which had occurred at the premises, and in particular, an incident that had occurred on 29th July, 2007. The Sub-Committee were also advised of additional conditions that Durham Constabulary would like incorporating on the premises licence, they also responded to the points for clarification.

Mr. Lucas, the legal representative for Admiral Taverns advised the Sub-Committee of the current situation with the Queens Head Hotel and the steps being taken to address the concerns of Durham Constabulary.

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 – (a) That the premises licence be suspended for a period of six weeks, from the 19th December, 2007 to 30th January, 2008 inclusive.

(b) That the following additional conditions be imposed on the premises licence :-

- (i) The Designated Premises Supervisor shall be an active member of the Darlington Pub Watch Scheme.
- (ii) The Designated Premises Supervisor will not act in that capacity at any other premises.

- (iii) The Challenge 21 scheme shall be adopted and rigorously enforced and all refusals of alcohol sale shall be documented in a register approved by Durham Constabulary.
- (iv) A CCTV system that is compliant with the Durham Constabulary minimum standards document is to be installed and operational at all times when the premises are open for licensable activities. Recordings shall be kept for the minimum period identified by the Police, staff shall be trained in its use and footage shall be produced on request to the Police or an Authorised Officer of the Council.
- (v) There shall be a minimum of 2 door supervisors on duty at all times when regulated entertainment is provided.

In addition to the above, Members required that the following shall be submitted to and approved by the Council's Licensing Section no later than 30th January, 2008 :-

- (vi) Details of the arrangements made by Admiral Taverns (780) Ltd for the management of the premises.
- (vii) Details of the checks to be undertaken by Admiral Taverns (780) Ltd to ensure compliance within the premises with the licensing legislation and all other relevant legislation.
- (viii) Details of the support to be given by Admiral Taverns (780) Ltd to the Designate Premises Supervisor.