

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE
6TH MAY, 2014**

PRESENT – Councillors Nutt (in the Chair); Councillors L Haszeldine, CLB Hughes, B Jones, Lee, Newall J Vasey and L Vasey. (8)

APOLOGIES – Councillors D Jones, Lawton, J Lyonette, Stenson and Thistlethwaite. (5)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Durham Constabulary representative. (1)

LA24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LA25. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Licensing Act 2003 Committee held on 8th April, 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

LA26. OUTCOME OF RECENT COURT APPEAL PROCEEDINGS – The Director of Economic Growth submitted a report (previously circulated) to advise Members of the outcome of recent Court appeal proceedings following a decision made by a Licensing Act Sub Committee in December 2013.

The submitted report gave details relating to the determination of a review of a Premises Licence in relation to The George Public House, following receipt of an application to review from Durham Constabulary and supporting information from the Director of Public Health; and the outcome of a Court Appeal against the decision made by the Licensing Act Sub Committee.

Members were also advised of the steps that had been taken by the Appellant since the hearing which included further training, the Appellant no longer being the Designated Premises Supervisor and not being the holder of the Premises Licence for a minimum of twelve months.

Discussion ensued on the Police and Officer time and costs associated with the initial review of Premises Licence and Members expressed disappointment that the Appellant was still on site, however, it was understood that this was due to the terms of the tenancy agreement of the premises

Durham Constabulary confirmed that the new Designated Premises Supervisor was now in post and that a visit had taken place to explain their expectations and to advise that test purchases would be undertaken.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.