

Licensing Sub-Committee – 11 June 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee** held on **11 June 2010** when there were present:-

Cllr Mrs P Aves
Cllr K A Gibbs

Cllr R A Oatham

ALSO PRESENT

Cllr M Hoy

OFFICERS PRESENT

N Khan	- Principal Solicitor
P Nellies	- Licensing Officer
K Gymer	- Paralegal
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

99 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr K A Gibbs was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

100 PROCEDURE FOR LICENSING HEARING

The Sub-Committee noted that, given that there were no interested parties or responsible authorities in attendance and that all parties were in agreement, the hearing would not take place; Members would consider all the evidence provided and determine the application accordingly.

101 LICENSING APPLICATIONS – LICENSING ACT 2003

Rochford Premier, 17 North Street, Rochford, SS4 1AA

The Sub-Committee considered an application for review of a premises licence made under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was made by the Police on the grounds of the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm, following an under-age sale at the premises on 16 April 2010.

The Police had requested that an additional 7 conditions be added to the premises licence, as listed on appendix A1 to the officer's report; the applicants had accordingly accepted these conditions.

In response to a Member question relating to the challenge 25 scheme, officers advised that licensed premises adopting the scheme should challenge any person who looked younger than 25 years to produce authorised identification confirming their age. Officers further confirmed that anyone who served a person under the age of 18 with alcohol was personally liable and could be served with a fixed penalty notice carrying a fine of £80.00; the premises licence holder was liable for the premises licence.

Responding to a further Member enquiry relating to future enforcement of the additional Police conditions, officers confirmed that the premises would in due course be checked by Trading Standards and Council Licensing officers. Police and Trading Standards officers would conduct another test purchase at the premises in the future and Licensing officers would ensure that conditions, such as the additional signage, were in place.

In response to a Member query about refusal registers, officers advised that the Police could check the premises refusals register in the future and, if necessary, would be able to verify any entries by checking CCTV footage.

Having considered all the evidence, the Sub-Committee considered that the conditions requested by the Police should be added to the premises licence.

Resolved

That the Police conditions, as set out in appendix A1 to the officer's report, should be added to the premises licence as additional, mandatory conditions. (HES)

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 9.55 am.

Chairman

Date

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