

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013

**Present:-** Councillor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors White and Mrs Winfield

1. **REVIEW OF PREMISE LICENCE - THISTLEBERRY HOTEL, THISTLEBERRY AVENUE, NEWCASTLE**

The above premises were subjected to a compliance test operation run by Staffordshire Police which took place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in relation to the sale of alcohol to juveniles, where an under age girl was sent into the premises to see if she could purchase alcohol.

An alcoholic drink was sold by a member of staff at the premises to a child aged 15 years of age. The member of staff did not ask the volunteer for any form of identification prior to the sale taking place.

Newcastle Borough Council Licensing Department have been informed that the Police and the representatives of the premise licence holder have reached an agreement that a warning should be issued to the designated premise licence holder.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the circumstances at its meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 and expressed its disappointment at the fact that the premises failed a test purchase some five months ago (date detailed in first paragraph of this letter). That said, it was noted and acknowledged the premise licence holder agreed with the Police in July 2013, to the addition of 18 conditions to the premises licence. The minor variation to add those conditions to the premise licence was made on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013. It was expected that with increased vigilance on the part of the premises and staff, and compliance with the agreed additional conditions that the premises would going forward, promote the licensing objectives.

Having said that, if in the future a further illegal sale of alcohol is made to a person under the age of 18 years then the Licensing Authority may consider it appropriate to take further additional steps mentioned in section 52 (4) of The Licensing Act 2003 to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received and the comments noted.

**COUNCILLOR T HAMBLETON**  
Chair

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