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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

3 December 2008

Present: - Councillor Mrs Heames in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bowyer and Slater

622. * **VUE CINEMA, MARKET ARCADE, NEWCASTLE, STAFFS**

Application for a Variation to a premises licence

623. * **APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE**

Issues

Representations had been received from Staffordshire Police on the basis that to grant the application would undermine the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm Licensing Objectives.

Resolved

Having taken account of the Licensing Act 2003 and the guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Council's statement of Licensing Policy and the fact that the Police had reached agreement with the applicant regarding their objection to the application, the Sub-committee were, subject to the conditions attached, prepared to grant a variation of the licence for the Premises on the following basis:

1. That the foyer area be refurbished in accordance with the plans provided.
2. That the sale of alcohol be allowed in the premises (auditoria only) from 0900 until 0230 the following morning (or 30 minutes before the last film, whichever is the earliest).
3. That the embedded conditions contained in Annex 2 of the existing licence be removed.

The conditions which the Committee were disposed to impose in addition to relevant mandatory conditions and also conditions that were consistent with those listed by the applicant in the operating schedule were:

1. That as a condition of sale of alcohol, customers must produce a valid ticket for a performance showing that day.
2. That the premises will be an active member of the Newcastle under Lyme Pub Watch Scheme.
3. That the premises will implement a 'Challenge 21' policy and that all staff will be trained before being allowed to sell alcohol to the public.

Training records will be kept and a 'refusal of sales log' will be maintained documenting the date and time a refusal of sales is made, the reason for the refusal and the member of staff refusing the sale.

4. That digital CCTV be installed and maintained at the premises, cameras to be situated to provide coverage of all internal areas and the entrance and exit points but not the auditoriums. These systems will be in operation at all times during which the premises is open to the public and to be recording at all times apart from in the event of unavoidable breakdown or technical failure. Should the system breakdown or fail that it be repaired as soon as possible. All recordings will be maintained for a minimum of 28 days and will be made available to the police and the local authority on request in a removable format e.g. CD.
5. All alcohol will be decanted into or sold in polycarbonate/plastic drinking vessels.

MRS A HEAMES
Chair