

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, 13th July, 2012

Present:- Cllr Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Cooper and Miss Mancey

3. APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISE LICENCE

Decision

Dealing firstly with the conditions that had been negotiated by Environmental Health, the Police and the Licensee and agreed by the parties that morning the sub-committee approved and appended those conditions to the current premises licence.

The Committee listened carefully to the evidence that was submitted by the Police and by Counsel on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder in relation to the proposed condition about plastic/polycarbonate glasses to be used on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 8pm. The Committee noted that the request for this condition arose out of an incident on the 21st January 2011 in which a door supervisor was injured during a scuffle.

The Committee viewed this as an isolated incident and noted that there had been no incidents involving injury from glass either since or prior – at least from 2005 and as such did not consider that the imposition of this condition was necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

The Committee also had regard to the difficulties in enforcing this condition and the potential detrimental financial impact that this may have on the Premises Licence Holder.

However the Committee was particularly concerned at the events leading up to this incident and warned the Licence Holder that if incidents of this type come before the Committee again it would not be so sympathetic.

The Committee considered that the incident could have been avoided through proper staff training and better management. Whilst the Committee was pleased to note the policy statement that had been submitted by the DPS regarding operating procedures it considered it necessary for the promotion of the licensing objective Public Safety to impose the following condition:-

“All training undertaken by staff shall be signed by the member of staff who has undergone the training and copies kept by the DPS”

**CLLR HAMBLETON
Chair**