

Chair - Councillor B McKeown

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors  
A P Edgeller

J P Read

Officers in attendance:-

S Kearney	-	Senior Licensing Officer
E Brigham	-	Licensing and Enviro-Crime Compliance and Administration Officer
B Williams	-	Licensing and Enviro-Crime Compliance and Administration Officer
L Taylor-Grime	-	Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation
K Edwards	-	Paralegal
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:-

PC P Heaney	-	Applicant, Licensing Officer, Staffordshire Police
Sgt J Finn	-	Licensing Manager, Staffordshire Police
R Jarman	-	Licensing Officer, Staffordshire Police
E Case-Duncan	-	Staffordshire Police
N Wilkes	-	License Holder, Casa
M Reggis	-	DPS, Casa
J Harvey	-	Agent for Casa
J Taylor-Walker	-	Objector
R Bryce	-	Supporter (via Teams)
A Bates	-	Supporter

Apologies were given for the late starting of the meeting, which was allowed to provide Members to read the supplementary documents which had been provided to the Council the day prior to the meeting. Draft additional licence conditions were provided on the day of the meeting by Staffordshire Police and copies were available for attendees.

### **LSC3 Declarations of Interest**

A Bates declared he had a financial interest in Casa as a shareholder.

J Taylor-Walker declared an interest as a license holder at other venues in Stafford.

#### **LSC4 Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

*Recording of the meeting was paused.*

#### **LSC5 Licensing Review - CASA, 1 Bridge Street, Stafford ST16 2HJ**

Considered the report of the Senior Licensing Officer in relation to an application for a Licence Review for CASA, 1 Bridge Street, Stafford ST16 2HJ.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented their report.

Staffordshire Police outlined their case as the applicant for the review of the Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

The representation against the licensed premises was heard.

Members of the Committee and representatives of the licensed premises were subsequently given the opportunity question the representation.

Two representations supporting the licensed premises were heard.

Members of the Committee and representatives of the licensed premises were subsequently given the opportunity to question the representation.

The representative for the premises licence holder outlined their case in support of the Premises Licence.

The Licensing Officer was given the opportunity to ask questions of the license holder and any witnesses.

Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions of the license holder and witnesses.

The Licensing Officer was given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The applicant was subsequently given the opportunity to sum up their case.

Other parties were given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

All parties were invited back into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

*Recording of the meeting was restarted.*

This Licensing Sub Committee has considered an application by Staffordshire Police for the review of the premises licence for Casa, Bridge Street, Stafford.

The Sub Committee has considered the application of Staffordshire Police, the representations received, and the information from the premises licence holder together with the submissions made within the hearing today.

It is disappointing that it became necessary for a longstanding establishment to be brought in for review. However, the Sub Committee acknowledges that there have been changes within the premises since the application for review to address the clear and repeated failures.

Having considered all the information together within both the Licensing Act 2003 and the statutory guidance along with the Council's Statement of Licensing, the Sub Committee has decided that the premises licence shall remain and that the additional conditions numbered 1 to 14 will be added to the licence.

### **Conditions**

1. Where the premises are open for licensable activities after 22:00 on Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Sundays before a Bank Holiday, the following numbers of SIA accredited door supervisors must be at the premises:
  - a. Where licensable activities are taking place on one floor, a minimum of 2\* from 22:00 and a minimum of 5 from 00:00 until at least 30 minutes after the premises are clear of customers.
  - b. Where licensable activities are taking place on both floors, in addition to point (1a) a further 3 SIA must be present on the additional floor from when licensable activities commence.
2. At all other times The Premises Licence Holder/The Designated Premises Supervisor must identify the requirement for Door Supervisors by way of a written/typed risk assessment, which must be made available for inspection by an authorised officer. Where the risk assessment identifies the need for Door Supervisors to be deployed, Door Supervisors must be of sufficient number to be able to control entry to the premises and deal with any instances of disorderly behaviour within the premises simultaneously. Door Supervisors must remain at the premises until such time the premises are closed, and all members of the public have left the venue and dispersed from outside the premises.
3. All persons utilised at the premises in the capacity of a Door Supervisor must wear yellow or white high visibility clothing at all times that they are deployed.

4. Where Door Supervisors are employed, there must be a register of every Door Supervisor employed at the premises that contains the following details:
  - a. Full name, address and date of birth
  - b. Full Security Industry Authority licence number
  - c. Time and date each Door Supervisor starts and finishes duty
  - d. Each entry must be signed by the Door Supervisors
  - e. Details of the company employing the door supervisors; a contact name, address and telephone number.
5. The Door Supervisors register must be kept fully updated at all times and remain at the licensed premises and be available for inspection immediately by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority, the Security Industry Authority or Police.
6. When Door Supervisors are employed a minimum of 2 Door Supervisors must be in possession of a body worn video (BWV) camera and, as far as is practicable record all incidents of violence and disorder that occur at the premises along with all searches of patrons.
7. The Door Supervisors deployed with body worn cameras must wear identification clearly depicting that a body worn camera is in use. In addition to this, signage must be displayed at the point of entry to the premises to indicate body worn cameras are in use.
8. The premises must operate a 'Conditions of Entry Policy'. This must be a written/ typed policy. This policy must be enforced whilst Door Supervisors are on duty.
9. At all times where Door Supervisors are on duty, no patron shall be admitted or readmitted to the premises unless they have been physically searched which must include the use of metal detection equipment such as wands. The search of patrons will include a physical search which must include a 'pat down search' by hand and a full bag search. Search equipment must be kept in working order.
10. The Premises will utilise only one entrance to the venue. At this entrance an ID scan machine will be used from 22:00 hours which will operate utilising electronic / biometric verification technology. All persons who appear to be under 25 years of age entering the venue will be subject to the use of the device each time they enter the premises.
11. The premises must operate a Last Entry time of 03:00hrs. No entry (or re-entry) shall be permitted by customers after this time.

12. The premises must have a written dispersal policy. This policy must be kept on the premises and produced to the Police, or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority at the time of request.
13. No person under the age of 18 years must be permitted to enter or remain on the premises after 2100 hours unless it is for a private, pre-arranged function which has been booked a minimum of 24 hours prior to opening for that specific event.
14. All CCTV, BWV images and data held on the ID scanner must be kept for a consecutive 31 day period and to be produced to the Police, or an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority in relation to the investigation of crime and/or disorder issues and suspected licence breaches, upon request or within 24 hours of such request where it is necessary to do so for the prevention of crime and disorder, prosecution or apprehension of offenders or where disclosure is required by law.

The Sub Committee hopes that the premises licence holder understands any failure to adhere to the licence conditions could result in a further review and that a different decision could be reached.

As an informative the Sub Committee suggests that a review of the positioning of the external front door camera should be conducted due to the door obstructing the camera.

CHAIR