Application for a Review of a Premises Licence

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer (V1 9/10/18) in relation to an application for a Review of a Premises License under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003, for the premises at 1st Stop, 42 Wolverhampton Road, Stafford, ST17 4DA.

On the 6 September 2018 the Council received an application for a Review of the Premises Licence for 1st Stop from Staffordshire County Council Trading Standards, which related to the failure of the premises to promote the licensing objectives for the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Mrs J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and outlined the case for Members.

Mrs F Chapman outlined the case for a review of the Premises Licence on behalf of Staffordshire County Council Trading Standards.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mrs Chapman.

Mr J Flanagan presented the case on behalf of the Licence Holder.

All parties were offered the opportunity to question Mr Flanagan.
During the discussion that ensued, it emerged that there was scope for all parties to come to an agreement on the requisite Licensing Conditions.

At this point all parties withdrew from the meeting in order to allow for further negotiations.

*Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.*

All parties were invited back in to the room where they presented the Sub-Committee with a copy of their agreed Licensing Conditions.

All parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

*Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.*

All parties were invited back in to the room for the Sub Committee’s decision.

RESOLVED:- that after hearing the evidence submitted by Staffordshire Trading Standards, Mr Flanagan, the representative of the Licence Holder and having considered the matters set out in the report and enclosures attached to the Agenda and noting the conditions agreed by the parties, it is the decision of the Sub-Committee that:-

(a) Mr Tajinder Singh is to be removed as the Designated Premises supervisor;

(b) The conditions as set out in the SCHEDULE to this decision are to replace the conditions on the premises licence relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm.

REASONS:-

1 The Sub Committee considers that imposing the agreed conditions on the licence is appropriate and proportionate, and should promote the licensing objectives.

2 The Sub Committee notes that Mr Flanagan undertakes to make a minor variation application to cover the premises licence conditions relating to the other licensing objectives.

CHAIRMAN
Licensing Conditions

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. No alcohol or tobacco products shall not be purchased from a non-authorised vendor calling at the premises; authorised vendor shall be taken to mean a representative of a Limited Company or PLC. A register shall be maintained by the DPS and/or PLH of authorised any visits.

2. Invoices, or copies of invoices, for all alcohol and tobacco products stored and/or sold at the premises, must be retained and made available to officers from any responsible authority within 5 working days of the request.

3. A stock control system must be maintained, to enable the designated premises supervisor to identify within 5 working days of the request, where and when alcoholic and tobacco products have been obtained.

4. An ultra-violet light must be available at the premises and must be used for the purpose of checking the UK Duty Stamps on spirits prior to being exposed for sale.

5. If any spirits obtained for or on behalf of the business have UK Duty Stamps that do not fluoresce under ultra-violet light, or are otherwise suspicious, the DPS ad/or PLH must notify Trading Standards and HMRC of the details of the products and/or supplier within 48 hours of the next working day following the discovery.

6. If any tobacco products obtained for or on behalf of the business do not have UK Duty Paid fiscal marks, or are otherwise suspicious, the designated premises supervisor must notify Trading Standards and HMRC of the details of the products and/or supplier within 48 hours of the next working day following the discovery.

Protecting Children from Harm

1. A Challenge 25 policy must be adopted and enforced at the premise where all persons who appear to be under the age of 25 must be challenged for acceptable identification to prove they are over the age of 18 prior to the purchase of alcohol.

2. The only acceptable forms of identification must be a valid photo driving licence, valid passport or a valid PASS approved proof of age card.

3. Challenge 25 posters must be displayed at all entrances to the premise, all areas where alcohol is displayed and at the cash till payment area.

4. Posters must be displayed prominently and in sight of customers & staffs.
5. Cash registers in the premises must be fitted with automatic till prompts to ensure that Challenge 25 is implemented at all times.

6. A refusals register with details of all refusals must be maintained at the premise. The register must contain details of the staff member refusing the sale and must be checked on a 2 weekly basis by the Designated Premises Supervisor and signed and dated by the Designated Premises Supervisor.

7. The refusals register or when on the till a print out of refusals must be produced and made available for inspection at the time of the visit by any Responsible Authority.

8. Prior to selling alcohol, all persons involved in the sale of alcohol & age restricted products who are not the holder of a Personal Licence must receive initial and regular 6 monthly refresher training by the Designated Premises Supervisor or external training provider with regards to the law in relation to the sale of alcohol & age restricted products and responsible retailing.

9. Such training must be recorded and up to date training records of all such persons must be maintained at the premise and produced and made available for inspection at the time of the visit by any Responsible Authority. Both initial and subsequent refresher training in relation to the sale of alcohol & age restricted products must contain a test to be undertaken by the staff member and this test or online certificate must be made available at the time of the visit to any Responsible Authority. Records for each person must be retained for a minimum of 12 months.

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