

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

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

Councillors:

R P Cooke

A P Edgeller

Also present:-

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner

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Legal Services Manager

Mrs J Wallace

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Licensing Manager

Mr A Bailey

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Scrutiny Officer

Also in Attendance:-

Sergeant J Finn

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Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit

LO R Jarman

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Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit

LO L Roberts

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Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit

PC D Gallimore

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Staffordshire Police

PC K Perry

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Staffordshire Police

INSP M Byrne

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Staffordshire Police

Mr K Khan

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Premises License Holder, Peppers

**LSC7 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 paragraphs 1, 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

*Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.*

**LSC8 Application for a Review of Premises Licence - Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford. ST16 2HJ**

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an Application for a Review of Premises Licence for Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford. ST16 2HJ.

On the 12 August 2022 the Council received an application for a Review of the Premises Licence for Peppers, 3 Bridge Street, Stafford. ST16 2HJ. Staffordshire Police Licensing Unit, namely SGT James Finn, had requested the review in relation to issues relating to two of the Licensing objectives, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. Staffordshire Police had stated that the operation and current management of the premises are undermining the two licensing objectives already stated as well as a lack of legal compliance with the Premises Licence Conditions.

The Premises Licence Holder of Peppers was Mr Khateeb Ullah Khan. Staffordshire Police invited the Authority to consider reducing the times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities and opening hours to 00:00 hours Monday to Sunday. There have been no other representations from any other Responsible Authorities or the Public during the consultation period of this review which ended on 9 September 2022.

Mrs J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Sergeant J Finn outlined his case in support of the application for a Review of the Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Sergeant J Finn.

Mr K Khan outlined his case in objection to the application for a Review of the Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Khan.

Sergeant J Finn was then given the opportunity to sum up his case.

Mr K Khan was then given the opportunity to sum up his case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

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

RESOLVED:- That:-

- (a) The premises licence is to be suspended for six weeks;
- (b) The Committee expects the licence holder to use this period of suspension to improve management of the Premises, to ensure proper provision and management of SIA door supervisors, and to ensure compliance with CCTV conditions on the premises licence.

- REASONS:-
- (a) The Committee found that the licence holder had failed to ensure that he complied with the conditions of the premises licence, and that the operation and management of the Premises are undermining the licensing objectives relating to prevention of crime and disorder and public safety - in that -
    - (i) The CCTV footage presented by the Police showed that door staff were not wearing yellow high visibility jackets while on duty;
    - (ii) The time and date of CCTV was not set to the correct time;
    - (iii) Weekly checks were not recorded or kept updated in a register to record that CCTV was operating correctly;
    - (iv) An incident register was not maintained at the Premises;
    - (v) A notice advising customers to leave the Premises quietly and to respect the needs of residents was not displayed at the exits of the Premises.
  - (b) The Committee found that on 2 May 2022 the licence holder behaved in a threatening and violent manner
  - (c) The Committee noted that the licence holder had received two police cautions relating to breaches of the premises licence conditions.
  - (d) The Committee found that the door staff were not managed effectively, since the CCTV showed a lack of door management at the Premises.
  - (e) The Committee found that the licence holder had failed to heed warnings given by the Police regarding breaches of the premises licence, and had not learned lessons from the earlier incidents.

CHAIR