

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 15th October, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair
Councillors A Khan, R Charlwood and
G Wilkinson

73 Election of the Chair

Councillor G Wilkinson was elected as Chair for the meeting.

74 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

75 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

76 Late Items

There were no formal late items added to the agenda. However two letters had been circulated to Members from the legal representatives of West Yorkshire Police and British Transport Police (Woods Whur Solicitors) and a letter responding to this from the premise licence holder's representative (Kuits Solicitors).

77 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations made.

78 "Fire" - Application to Review a Premises Licence - Fire, Call Lane, Leeds LS1

The Sub Committee was asked to depart from normal procedure for a review of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, Regulation 9, which allowed for the dispensation of the review.

This was brought about by West Yorkshire Police and British Transport Police withdrawing their application for the Review, which had been adjourned from 18th July 2012, following agreement of three new conditions to the Premises Licence as follows:

1. The premises will not trade under the name or style of "Fire". "Fruit Cupboard" or "Puro";
2. Save for True Reason Limited holding the Premises Licence (without operating the premises) neither the current DPS nor any previous person engaged in the managerial role at the premises employed by True Reason

Limited will be involved in any way whatsoever with the future running of the of the business; and

3. Prior to the premises re-opening a review of the CCTV system will be undertaken in consultation with British Transport Police and West Yorkshire Police.

It was confirmed at the meeting that the new operator of the club was in full agreement of the conditions put forward by the Police.

The Sub Committee were informed that the new operator was experienced and already managed established venues in Leeds, which have not previously caused problems for the Police.

At this point in the meeting Members questioned the new operator. Members established that the operator was intending to run a completely different style venue to what had previously been, it would not be a night club but a 1920's themed cocktail bar aimed at students and young professionals. Members also asked the operator about the pricing structure and door policy, it was established that this would be similar to other venues managed by the operator.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the review be dispensed with; and
- (b) That the licence held for the premises be retained subject to the conditions listed below:
 1. That the premises will not trade under the name or style of “Fire”. “Fruit Cupboard” or “Puro”;
 2. Save for True Reason Limited holding the Premises Licence (without operating the premises) neither the current DPS nor any previous person engaged in the managerial role at the premises employed by True Reason Limited will be involved in any way whatsoever with the future running of the of the business; and
 3. Prior to the premises re-opening a review of the CCTV system will be undertaken in consultation with British Transport Police and West Yorkshire Police.