

## **Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Monday, 30th June, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Khan in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley and G Wilkinson

### **1 Election of the Chair**

**RESOLVED-** That Councillor A. Khan be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

### **2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

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

### **3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

### **4 Late Items**

There were no late items on the agenda.

### **5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **6 Application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Holbeck Bargain Store 59 Top Moor Side, Holbeck, Leeds, LS11 9LH**

Members of the Licensing Sub Committee were asked to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Holbeck Bargain Store, 59 Top Moor Side, Holbeck, LS11 9LH.

This application had attracted representations from local residents.

Ms L. Jones the proposed licence holder informed members that she was currently on maternity leave from HMPS and plans to run the Holbeck Bargain Store once her maternity leave has ended. The Store had a 24 hour licence which Ms Jones had reduced as she felt that it was not necessary. The hours in which alcohol can be sold is now 10.00 to 22.00 hours. Ms Jones told members that she had been employed as a trouble shooter for various Public Houses and had worked with New Hope Charity in rehabilitating alcoholics. She has also had discussions with Highways to arrange for bins to be placed outside the premises in order to reduce the amount of litter. Members noted that Ms Jones had maintained a good relationship with Local Authorities and had done everything that West Yorkshire Police had asked of her, including getting full CCTV installed at the premises. The Holbeck Bargain Store was described as a one stop shop stocking mainly hardware with alcohol contributing to 15-20% of total sales.

Members of the Licensing Sub Committee then heard from Mr Kalay, the owner of Holbeck Convenience Store and instigator of the petition against the granting of the proposed premises licence. He was accompanied by Ms N. Hayes, Ms A. Randle and Mr Blandford all of whom were local residents and had signed the petition.

Mr Kalay informed members that Holbeck already had six off licenses, and that another would only contribute to existing problems in the area due to the high number of alcoholics, drug users, prostitutes and underage drinkers, all of which often resulted in disorderly behaviour.

Ms Jones told members that she wouldn't risk her licence by selling alcohol to underage customers and suggested that the local owners of the off licenses got together with ward Councillor's to discuss ways of safeguarding adults and children.

The panel adjourned to make their decision.

**RESOLVED-** That members of the Licensing Sub Committee grant the application.