

Licensing Sub-Committee

Thursday, 11th February, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor G Hyde in the Chair

Councillors B Gettings and M Harland

138 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor G Hyde be elected as Chair for the meeting.

139 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

140 Review of a Premises Licence - Interim Steps Hearing - The Aviator, 16 High Street, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7PP

The report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration informed Members of an application for Summary Review in respect of The Aviator, 16 High Street, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7PP. West Yorkshire Police had made the application on the grounds of serious crime or serious disorder or both.

The Licensing Authority was now under a duty to review the Premises Licence and this Interim Steps Hearing had to be held prior to a Summary Review Hearing. The Summary Review Hearing was to be held within 28 days of the application.

The report set out the relevant procedure, considerations and guidance for the Interim Hearing.

A representative of West Yorkshire Police addressed the sub-committee with reasons for the application for Summary Review. There had been an incident involving extreme violent disorder on the evening of Saturday 6 February 2016 and reference was made to other recent incidences of violence either at the premises or that had escalated from the premises including one which resulted in a fatality. Members were given a history of recent licensing activity connected to the premises which included changes to the Designated Premises Supervisor and Action Planning meetings held with West Yorkshire Police to try and address problems that had occurred at the premises. There had also been changes to conditions relating to the provision of CCTV at the premises, door staff and hours of opening. Concern had been expressed regarding the capability of staff who had previously been in charge of the premises.

Members were shown CCTV footage of the incident that occurred on Saturday, 6 February 2016. West Yorkshire Police informed the sub-committee that there had been no logged call from anyone at the premises to report the incident.

The applicant's representative addressed the sub-committee and reported that that they would not be challenging the request for the Summary Review at this stage. It was felt that the premises should remain closed for a while to prevent any repeat incidents and this would also allow time to prepare for a Summary Review Hearing.

There may be a request for any Interim Steps to be removed prior to a Summary Hearing.

The sub-committee retired to private session to discuss the matters put before them.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Premises Licence for The Aviator, 16 High Street, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7PP be suspended with immediate effect.
- (2) That a Summary Review hearing be held on Monday, 7 March 2016 at 10.30 a.m.