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DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 2016

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE on THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 2016, at 9.30 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Ken Keegan

Councillors Bev Chapman, Charlie Hogarth and Sue McGuinness.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1st December 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PREMISES LICENCE - S T NEWS, 42A-42B ST JAMES STREET, BALBY BRIDGE, DONCASTER, DN1 3BB

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a review of a premises licence in respect of S T News, 42A-42B St James Street, Balby Bridge, Doncaster, DN1 3BB, following representations received from the Health and Safety Responsible Authority.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Premises Licence Holder, the Agent acting on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder and the Responsible Authority had received the agenda prior to the meeting.

Subsequent to the dispatch of the agenda papers, additional information from the Agent acting on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder had been circulated to Members' of the Sub-Committee and the Responsible Authority, prior to the hearing.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

A representative from the Health and Safety Authority addressed the Committee and answered questions. The Agent acting on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder, the Licence Holder and the Licence Holder's Interpreter, made representations and answered questions. A Doncaster local trader was also in attendance at the meeting and spoke in support of the Licence Holder.

The Agent acting on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder referred to the Due diligence information that had been provided to the Sub-Committee and the Responsible Authority, prior to this meeting. In addition, the Agent acting on behalf of the Premises Licence

Holder outlined the measures that were to be put in place to strengthen the licensing objectives, including the implementation of a staff training manual, which was tabled at the meeting for Members' information.

All parties were then asked to leave the room whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated on the Application and reached a decision.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Sub-Committee having considered the application for a Review of a Premises Licence of ST News 42a - 42b, St. James Street, Balby, Doncaster and having taken into account the Application made and the evidence presented today, the steps that are appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives, the Home Office Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, decided to revoke the Licence.

The Sub-Committee made its decision for the following reasons:

The Sub-Committee have determined that the crime prevention objective was being undermined through the premises being used to further crime. The Sub-Committee believed that the premises were being used for the sale and storage of smuggled alcohol. The Sub-Committee believed that they have been trading irresponsibly by purchasing goods for sale which were not labelled correctly. The Sub-Committee was also concerned that the issues had arisen out of the management of the premises and the joint premises License Holder had now been appointed Designated Premises Supervisor and he had made the irresponsible purchases.

The Sub-Committee acknowledged the acceptance of the issues by the Shop owner, but had no confidence that the measures they had submitted would stop any future irresponsible purchases.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____