

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 2017

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE on WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 2017, at 9.30 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Ken Keegan

Councillors Iris Beech, Bev Chapman and Steve Cox.

1 Declarations of interest, if any.

No declarations made at the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 18th May, 2017.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 18th May, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 Application for a Review of an Existing Premises Licence Bargain Beers, 248 Balby Road, Balby, Doncaster, DN4 0QH.

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a review of an existing premises licence in respect of 'Bargain Beers', 248 Balby Road, Balby, Doncaster, DN4 0QH, following an application made by the Trading Standards Responsible Authority.

The review was brought before the Sub-Committee on the grounds of 'the Prevention of Crime and Disorder' and 'Public Safety' Licensing objectives. A summary of the application was attached as Appendix B to the report.

Representations from Environmental Health (Health and Safety) and South Yorkshire Police in support of the review were attached at Appendices F and G to the report, respectively.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Premises Licence Holder and the Responsible Authorities had received the agenda prior to the meeting.

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

Representatives from the Trading Standards Authority and Environmental Health (Health and Safety) addressed the Committee and answered questions.

The Premises Licence Holder and a representative acting on behalf of the Premises Licensing Holder were in attendance at the meeting, made representations and answered questions.

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 an Existing Premises Licence in respect of 'Bargain Beers', 248 Balby Road, Balby, Doncaster, DN4 0QH and having taken into account 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 Committee noted that alcohol that had been smuggled, was found in the premises and when identified had not been removed despite advice being given that it should be disposed and not stored. And that following Magistrates authorising some surveillance, this witnessed tobacco being taken from a car belonging to the premises licence holder to the premises and then sold.

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

The Sub-Committee have determined that the crime prevention objective has been undermined. The Committee believe that the premises have been used for the sale of illicit tobacco and the storage of smuggled alcohol and feel the premises have been trading irresponsibly by selling and storing illicit tobacco and smuggled alcohol.

The Sub-Committee acknowledged the acceptance of the issues by the premises owner, but they had no confidence that these issues would be resolved.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____