

Minutes

## LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

4 December 2014

Meeting held at Committee Room 4a - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



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	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Councillors Dominic Gilham (Chairman), Lynne Allen and Brian Stead</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Acting Police Sergeant - Ian Wares</p> <p><b>Representatives of the Licence Holder</b> Mr Prashant Patel Ms Poona Sharma</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Claire Freeman - Regulatory Services Manage Ross Forsyth - Regulatory Services Officer Stephanie Waterford - Senior Licensing Officer Charlene Ellis - Licensing Officer Tim Brown - Legal Advisor Charles Francis - Democratic Services</p>
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
2.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
3.	<p><b>TO CONFIRM THAT THE ITEMS OF BUSINESS MARKED PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND ITEMS MARKED PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>The whole meeting was held in private.</p>
4.	<p><b>MATTERS THAT HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OR URGENT</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
5.	<p><b>APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED REVIEW</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>An application for an expedited review of the premises licence of the Blue Lagoon Public House, Hayes was received from the Metropolitan Police Service on Tuesday 2 December 2014 under section 53A Licensing Act 2003. The application was made due to concerns that the premises was associated with serious crime or serious disorder (or both).</p>

Officers advised that the hearing had been convened for the Sub-Committee to consider whether any interim steps were required in relation to the premises licence. Members were informed that it was mandatory for the Sub-Committee to consider interim steps within 48 hours of the application being received.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application would trigger an automatic review of the premises licence within 28 days of receipt of the application, requiring a full hearing to take place on or before 22 December 2014.

Acting Police Sergeant Ian Wares explained that the Police concerns were set out in Appendix 2 - Police Certificate under S53A (1)(b) and further details were provided in Appendix 3 and 4 of the agenda papers.

The Committee noted that the Police deemed an expedited review was necessary and appropriate due to the level of violence that had occurred at the premises.

### **Decision**

The Sub-Committee considered all the relevant representations that had been made available and in doing so, had taken into account the Licensing Act 2003, the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Act, the Home Office Summary Review Guidance, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing objectives and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The Sub-Committee has decided on a balance of probabilities that it is proportionate to impose interim steps on the Premises Licence of the Blue Lagoon Public House pending determination of the review of the Premises licence (with immediate effect), namely the addition of conditions to the premises:

1. The installed CCTV system shall be maintained in effective working order whenever the premises are in use for the purposes of the licence and shall be capable of capturing the following images:
  - a) All public areas within the premises;
  - b) The outside smoking area and car park; and
  - c) A clear facial image of any person entering the premises by all public entrances.
2. The recorded CCTV images shall be stored in a secure location for a minimum period of thirty (30) days. The images shall be available for inspection on request by authorized officers of the Council and the Metropolitan Police Service.
3. Clear and visible signage shall be prominently displayed throughout the venue indicating CCTV recording is operational. This shall include signage at the entry and exit points and behind the bar.
4. On Friday and Saturday evenings after 18:00 hours until the venue closes to the public, a personal licence holder shall be on duty at the venue and responsible for authorising the sale of alcohol.
5. The premises shall employ and minimum of two (2) SIA licensed door supervisors on Friday and Saturday evenings after 18:00 hours until the venue closed and all customers have left the premises.

6. The premises shall employ and minimum of two (2) SIA licensed door supervisors whenever there is a private function booked at the premises for 25 persons or more and where alcohol is served, a minimum of three (3) SIA licensed door supervisors whenever there is a private function booked at the premises for 100 persons or more and a minimum of four (4) SIA licensed door supervisors whenever there is a private function booked at the premises for 150 persons or more. The door supervisors shall remain on duty until the function has finished.
7. There shall be a log book to record the start and finishing times of SIA door supervisors and the following information shall be recorded:
  - a) The printed name of the door supervisor;
  - b) The badge number;
  - c) The expiry date of the SIA licence; and
  - d) A signature of the door supervisor

The log book will record any incidents, refusals or persons being removed from the premises and this log will be available for inspection by the relevant authorities on request.

8. All pint and half pint glasses used on the premises shall be made from safety glasses.
9. All bottled drinks shall be decanted into toughened safety glasses.

The Sub-Committee noted that the interim steps will remain in place pending the determination of the full premises licence review, including the statutory appeal period and pending the outcome of any appeal lodged against that decision, unless a licensing Sub-Committee of Council determines otherwise.

**Reasons**

In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee noted seriousness of the crimes reported by the Police and witnessed on the CCTV footage. They believed that measures were necessary in order to protect the public from the serious crime and serious disorder that had occurred at the Premises pending a review of the Premises Licence. The Licensing Sub-Committee has considered all options available to it in relation to the interim period before the full review of the Premises Licence, considering that the above conditions were reasonable, proportionate and necessary in order to keep residents of the borough safe from serious crime, particularly in relation to violent assaults.

The meeting, which commenced at 11, closed at 12:25

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