

Licensing Committee 1 – 29th March 2011

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Review of a Premises Licence

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the review of the premises licence in respect of the premises known as Newsagents & Off Licence, 14 Wolverhampton Road, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 7JB.

Background

2. The Newsagents and Off Licence, 14 Wolverhampton Road, Kingswinford was first issued with a premises licence on the 20th October 2005 for the following:-

Sale of alcohol

Monday – Saturday inc	08.00 – 23.00
Sunday	10.00 – 22.30
Good Friday	08.00 – 22.30
Christmas Day	12.00 – 15.00
Christmas Day	19.00 – 22.30

3. That licence was subsequently transferred into the name of Mr G Patel on the 9th July 2007.
4. Mr G Patel is the current premises licence holder and DPS.
5. On the 3rd February 2011, an application was received from Mike Chambers, Trading Regulation & Enforcement Manager of the Trading Standards Department for the review of the premises licence in respect of the Newsagents and Off Licence, 14 Wolverhampton Road, Kingswinford. A copy of this application has been forwarded to the applicant and Members of the Committee in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
6. The Council has advertised the application for review of the premises licence in accordance with the Licensing Regulation S1, 2004, No 42 Section 38. A copy of that notice is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

7. Confirmation that the application has been served on the relevant authorities has been received.
8. On the 16th February 2011, a letter was received from Mr Patel. A copy of that letter together with a reply from the Licensing Officer has been forwarded to the Committee Members and interested parties in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
9. This application falls within the Council's recent responsibility for liquor licensing which has a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.

Finance

10. There are no financial implications.

Law

11. The law relating to the review of licences is governed by the Licensing Act 2003 Section 52(1).
12. Determination of application for review
52(1) This section applies where:-
 - a) The relevant licensing authority receives an application made in accordance with section 51,
 - b) the applicant has complied with any requirement imposed on him under subsection (3)(a) or (d) of that section, and
 - c) the authority has complied with any requirement imposed on it under subsection (3)(b) or (d) of that section
13. Before determining the application, the authority must hold a hearing to consider it and any relevant representations.
14. The authority must, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
15. The steps are -
 - a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
 - b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
 - c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
 - d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
 - e) to revoke the licence;

and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

16. Subsection (3) is subject to sections 19,20 and 21 (requirement to include certain conditions in premises licences).
17. Where the authority takes a step mentioned in subsection (4) (a) or (b) it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify,
18. In this section “relevant representations” means representations which -
 - (a) are relevant to one or more of the licensing objectives, and
 - (b) meet the requirements of subsection (8).
19. The requirements are -
 - (a) that the representations are made –
 - (i) by the holder of the premises licence, a responsible authority or an interested party, and
 - (ii) within the period prescribed under section 51(3)(c)
 - (b) that they have not been withdrawn, and
 - (c) if they are made by an interested party (who is not also a responsible authority), that they are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.
20. Where the relevant licensing authority determines that any representations are frivolous or vexatious, it must notify the person who made them of the reasons for that determination.
21. Where a licensing authority determines an application for review under this section it must notify the determination and its reasons for making it to -
 - a) the holder of the licence
 - b) the applicant
 - c) any person who made relevant representations, and
 - d) the chief officer of police for the police area (or each police area) in which the premises are situated.
22. A determination under this section does not have effect -
 - a) until the end of the period given for appealing against the decision, or
 - b) if the decision is appealed against, until the appeal is disposed of

Pursuant to schedule 5 part 1, section 8(2)

23. An appeal may be made against the decision of the committee by –
- a) the applicant for the review
 - b) the holder of the premises licence or
 - c) any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application for review.

Equality Impact

24. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
25. The licensing of premises and individuals will impact on children and young people through their attendance at licensed premises.
26. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Recommendation

27. That the Sub- Committee determine the application.



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List of Background Papers