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Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the **LICENSING** Committee will be held at **6.30 pm** on **TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2023** in the **Council Chamber**.

I do hope you can be there.

Yours sincerely

M. H. Scott

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 6)
3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest in respect of matters contained in the agenda.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

ITEMS FOR DECISION

5. **ANNUAL TAXI MEETING** (Pages 7 - 8)
Report of the Chief Executive enclosed.
6. **ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES** (Pages 9 - 18)
Report of the Chief Executive enclosed

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

8. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(Pages 19 - 24)

Minutes of Sub-Committee on 24 August 2023

Minutes of Sub-Committee on 22 September 2023

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

ITEMS FOR DECISION

None.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10. TRAINING SESSION TO FOLLOW ON SUB-COMMITTEES

Electronic agendas sent to members of Licensing – Councillor Stella Brunskill JP, Councillor Ian Brown (Chair), Councillor Steve Farmer, Councillor Gaynor Hibbert, Councillor Richard Newmark, Councillor Donna O'Rourke, Councillor Simon O'Rourke, Councillor James (Jim) Rogerson, Councillor Gary Scott, Councillor Robin Walsh, Councillor Derek Brocklehurst, Councillor Michael Graveston, Councillor Kieren Spencer, Councillor Lee Street and Councillor Malcolm Peplow.

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Minutes of Licensing

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 5 September 2023, starting at 6.30 pm
Present: Councillor I Brown (Chair)

Councillors:

S Brunskill	G Scott
S Farmer	R Walsh
G Hibbert	D Brocklehurst
R Newmark	K Spencer
D O'Rourke	L Street
S O'Rourke	M Peplow

In attendance: Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Solicitor

Also in attendance: Councillors L Jameson

253 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillors M Graveston and J Rogerson.

254 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

255 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests.

256 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

257 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON SCRAP METAL POLICY

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the results of the consultation and to seek Committee's approval for the adoption of the Scrap Metal Dealers Policy.

The updated policy was attached to the report for Committee to consider and it was noted that no responses to the consultation were received.

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Adopted the Scrap Metal Dealers Act Policy enclosed at Appendix 1 of the report.

258 MEDICAL REPORTS FOR DRIVERS OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the results of the consultation and to seek Committee's authorisation for the Head of Legal and

Democratic Services to make consequential amendments to the Council's Policy for Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers and Private Hire Operators Drivers and Vehicles and the Private Hire Drivers Licence Conditions.

Committee was advised of the reasons why the Council was seeking to make the amendments. Relevant parties were consulted, and it was noted that there were two responses, both of which were supportive of the proposal.

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make appropriate amendments to the Policy and Conditions.

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TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING OPERATIONS

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the results of an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

It was noted that seven vehicles were inspected, all of which were found to be of the required standard.

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ALCOHOL LICENSING UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of:

1. A revision to the Statutory Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003;
2. The introduction of amended provisions in relation to the late-night levy; and
3. The position in relation to licensing relaxations introduced during the covid pandemic.

The contents of the report were noted.

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PAVEMENT LICENCES UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of a proposal to extend provision for Pavement Licences.

It was noted that the Government had introduced the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which, if approved, provide for the pavement licensing regime to continue until 30 September 2024.

Provisions for the introduction of permanent pavement licensing are contained in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, which is currently making its way through Parliament. Committee was advised of the potential implications for the Council if this becomes statute.

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REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

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MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The minutes of the two Sub-Committees held on 30 June 2023 were noted.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items under this heading.

The meeting closed at 6.43 pm

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RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2023
title: ANNUAL TAXI MEETING
submitted by: MARSHAL SCOTT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: STEPHEN BARKER, SOLICITOR

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To prepare for the Annual Taxi Meeting.
- 1.2 These proposals support the Council's aim to be a well-managed authority.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The last Annual Taxi meeting took place on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 in the Council Chamber.
- 2.2 31 holders of drivers, operators and proprietors licences attended.
- 2.3 Prior to the meeting, licence holders had been given an opportunity to place items on the agenda for discussion. Similarly, a letter will be sent to operators and licence holders asking them for agenda items for consideration at the 2023 meeting.
- 2.4 In recent years, the meeting has been attended by the Chair of the Licensing Committee together with officers, including the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Council Solicitor, Taxi Licensing Officer, Taxi Enforcement Officer and Taxi Administration Assistant.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for communication between the Council and those holding licences issued by the Council. In past years there had also been attendance by police representatives.
- 3.2 Whilst the meeting takes place annually, Members will be aware that licence holders (and all residents) also have the opportunity to attend before Licensing Committee to raise matters of concern, and/or to contact officers and Members as appropriate.
- 3.3 The next meeting will take place in November or December 2023. However, this will be subject to room availability and also the availability of any invitees (the festive period can be a busy time for the trade).
- 3.4 Members may wish to put forward items for the agenda. Members may also wish to attend the meeting to consider the views of the trade.
- 3.5 Officers have considered items which could be appropriate for discussion at the meeting, which may include the following:
 - a) In the autumn of 2022, Hackney Carriage fares were reviewed for the first time in five years, and raised for the first time in 16 years. It was recommended that there should be an annual review, and this meeting provides a good opportunity

to obtain the views of the trade as part of that process. By statute, there is no formal consultation procedure, except for mandatory press advertising for representations, in response to figures which have been set by the Council.

- b) To establish the views of the trade on increasing the number of Hackney Carriage plates, either by complete removal of the current restriction on the number of Hackney Carriages, or by increasing the number to a new maximum (possibly subject to any new plated vehicles being subject to quality restrictions, such as being wheelchair accessible with appropriate access from the side of the vehicle). The Council currently restricts the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences to 53, 4 of which are fully wheelchair accessible, and 8 of which have elap seats.

3.6 Consideration might also be given to extending invitations to attend the meeting to the police, LCC (who commission many journeys) and representatives of groups representing disabled or vulnerable users.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources }
• Technical, Environmental and Legal }
• Political } No implications identified.
• Reputation }
• Equality & Diversity – }

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Note the proposed arrangements for the Annual Taxi Meeting

5.2 Advise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services of matters which Members wish to discuss at the meeting, and persons to be invited to assist the Committee at the meeting.

STEPHEN BARKER
SOLICITOR

MARSHAL SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for Stephen Barker, extension 3216.

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2023
title: ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: MAIR HILL

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To determine the annual fees for hackney carriage, private hire, scrap metal and sex establishment licences.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - The Council aims to be a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs. The fees charged for licences fund part of that service and should reflect the costs incurred whilst being set at a reasonable level for licence holders.
- Corporate Priorities -
- Other Considerations -

2 BACKGROUND

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences

2.1 The Council has power to charge for licences, subject to statutory provisions which both give rise to the power to charge and specify the way the charge for certain licences has to be calculated.

2.2 The relevant provisions are contained in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

2.3 Section 53(2) is the relevant provision for:

- driver's licences for hackney carriages;
- driver's licences for private hire vehicles.

2.4 Section 70 is the relevant provision for:

- hackney carriage vehicle licences;
- private hire vehicle licences;
- private hire operator's licences.

2.5 Changes to the licence fees in respect of hackney carriage vehicles, private hire vehicles and private hire operator licences must be advertised in one newspaper, circulated in the local area 28 days before the change in charges takes effect.

2.6 The legislation provides that the fees should be set at a level which provides "such a fee as they consider reasonable with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration".

2.8 The current fees for each type of licence are set out in the first column of **Appendix 1**.

Scrap Metal Dealers Licences

- 2.9 Schedule 1 paragraph 6 of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 provides that “(1) An application must be accompanied by a fee set by the authority. (2) In setting a fee under the paragraph, the authority must have regard to any guidance issued from time to time by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury”.
- 2.10 On 17 September 2013, Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive, and approved the fees, which were to apply once the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 came into force on 1 October 2013, in doing so Committee considered the calculation of the fees and the Home Office Guidance. Committee has considered the fees annually since that date. The current fees are set out in **Appendix 2** to this report.

Sex Establishment Licence

- 2.11 Schedule 3, paragraph 19 of the Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1982 provides that “An applicant for the grant, [variation,] renewal or transfer of a licence under this Schedule shall pay a reasonable fee determined by the appropriate authority.”
- 2.12 On 6 September 2011, Committee considered a report of the Council’s solicitor and approved the fees set out as Appendix 2 of that report. Those fees were reconsidered annually since that date. The current fees are set out in **Appendix 3** to this report.

3 ISSUES

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence

- 3.1 In recent years licence fees have generally been uplifted annually in line with inflation. The Council is recommending uplifting the fees by reference to inflation (based on 4%) as this is the amount by which we are advised that the Council’s costs have increased. The exception to this is the cost of a replacement plate and bracket which will remain the same as these are charged at cost and the costs have not increased. The proposed annual fees (rounded up or down as most appropriate) for 2024/2025 are set out in the third column of **Appendix 1**.

Scrap Metal Dealers Licences

- 3.4 The Scrap Metal Licence fees have now been in place for 10 years and a limited number of licences have been issued. The Council does not have sufficient evidence therefore to test whether the underlying basis on which the fees were originally calculated requires amendment but proposes that the fees rise by 4% as this is the amount by which we are advised that the Council’s costs have increased. The proposed fees for 2024/2025 are set out in **Appendix 2**.

Sex Establishment Licences

- 3.3 Since the fees were set on 6 September 2011, the Council has not received any applications to licence a Sex Establishment within its area. There is therefore no information to suggest that the underlying basis for the calculation of the fees should be changed, but the Council proposes to increase the fees by 4% as this is the amount by which we are advised that the Council’s costs have increased. The proposed fees for 2024/2025 are set out in **Appendix 3**.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – The Council must advertise the revised taxi and private hire fees in a local newspaper.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Committee must set fees at a level, which does not exceed the costs of administering the licensing process. This has been assessed as part of the fee setting process.
- Political – N/A
- Reputation – N/A
- Equality and Diversity – N/A

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Agree to set the fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences for the year 2024/2025 as those set out in **Appendix 1**.

5.2 Agree to set the fees for Scrap Metal Dealers Licences for the year 2024/2025 as those set out in **Appendix 2**.

5.3 Agree to set the fees for Sex Establishment Licences for the year 2024/2025 as those set out in **Appendix 3**.

MAIR HILL
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

MARSHAL SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for Mair Hill, extension 4418.

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APPENDIX 1

PRIVATE HIRE & HACKNEY CARRIAGE	From 1 April 2023	From 1 April 2024
Driver's application/renewal annual Licence	73.70	76.60
Driver's application/renewal 3-year licence	194.80	202.60
Replacement Driver's Badge	15.30	15.90
Vehicle Licences:		
ANNUAL – Up to 3 years old	207.80	216.10
6 MONTHS – Over 3 years but not exceeding 7 years	109.00	113.40
4 MONTHS – Over 7 years	77.60	80.70
Discount on previous Licence (1/12 th annual)	17.20	
Transfer of Licence on change of ownership	30.50	31.70
New or replacement:		
Plates	15.50	15.50
Brackets	15.50	15.50
Private Hire Operators annual licence	190.50 - per annum 5 vehicles or fewer	198.10 – per annum 5 vehicles or fewer
Additional Vehicles	15.50 - in respect of a one-year operators' licence	16.10 - in respect of a one-year operators' licence
Private Hire Operators 3-year licence	504.50 - per annum 5 vehicles or fewer	524.70- per annum 5 vehicles or fewer
Additional Vehicles	39.60- in respect of a three-year operators' year licence	41.20 - in respect of a three-year operators' year licence
Private Hire Operators 5 year licence	840.90 per annum 5 vehicles or fewer	874.50 - per annum 5 vehicles or fewer
Additional Vehicles	65.30-in respect of a five-year operators' year licence	67.90 - -in respect of a five-year operators' year licence
Change to Operators Licence	14.60	15.20
Copy of Operators Licence	19.20	20.00
Logbooks (100 sheets) each	2.30	2.40
Knowledge test – first one free - paper - in person	9.90 19.50	10.30 20.30

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APPENDIX 2

Scrap Metal Dealers	From 1 April 2023	From 1 April 2024
Application/Renewal of Site Licence	358.90	£373.30
Variation of Site Licence	233.40	242.70
Application/Renewal of Collector's Licence	258.70	269.70
Variation of Mobile Collector's Licence	207.00	215.30

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APPENDIX 3

	From 1 April 2023	From 1 April 2024
Grant of Sex Shop	3,870.00	4,024.80
Grant of Sex Cinema	3,870.00	4,024.80
Grant of Sexual Entertainment Venue	6,449.70	6,707.70
Renewal of Sexual Entertainment Venue	3,225.90	3,354.90
Transfer of Sexual Entertainment Venue	647.40	673.30
Variation of Sexual Entertainment Venue	647.40	673.30

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Minutes of Sub-Committee of the Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 24 August 2023, starting at 2.00 pm
Present: Councillor I Brown (Chair)

Councillors:

S Brunskill

R Newmark

In attendance: Solicitor, Taxi Enforcement Officer and Licensing Officer

Also in attendance: Applicant and his Solicitor

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WELCOME

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APOLOGIES AND RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There were no apologies for absence.

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DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non-registrable interests.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That by virtue of the next item of business being exempt information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 that press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

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LICENSING HEARING - TAXI

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting that they determine whether a private hire driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

The driver attended the hearing along with a legal representative. Both the driver and the representative made verbal submissions to the Committee. They then responded to questions from the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-committee, having taken account of all the submissions, written and verbal, the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council's Statement of Policy and Guidelines on Relevant Convictions ("the Policy"), the Council's Infringement Scheme ("the Scheme"), the Council's Policy for Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Operators, Drivers and Vehicles and the references supplied, determined in the particular circumstances that the driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence, and that 12 infringement points should be imposed on that licence.

It was further determined that the driver should be warned as to the possible consequences of any further contravention, as well as recommending that the driver study the applicable conditions, policies and schemes of the Council.

The meeting closed at 3.33 pm

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Minutes of Sub-Committee of the Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Friday, 22 September 2023, starting at 11.00 am
Present: Councillor I Brown (Chairman)

Councillors:

S Brunskill

R Newmark

In attendance: Solicitor

Also in attendance: Mrs G Sherratt (Applicant's legal representative), Mr S Taylor (Area Manager for the Applicant), Mr T Gregory (relevant representative), Mrs J Gregory (relevant representative), Mr R Veitch (relevant representative on behalf of Sawley Parish Council) and Mr P Rhodes (relevant representative)

325 WELCOME

326 APOLOGIES AND RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There were no apologies for absence received.

327 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, or other registrable and non-registrable interests.

328 APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE - SPREAD EAGLE HOTEL SAWLEY

The Sub-Committee met to consider the application by Individual Inns 2 Limited to vary the premises licence in respect of the Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley, Clitheroe BB7 4NH.

Prior to the Sub-Committee convening, a period of time was allowed for the applicant and the objectors to enter into discussions, in the hope that a mutual agreement could be put forward. Unfortunately, these discussions were not successful.

The Sub-Committee considered the contents of the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and its appendices.

The Council's Solicitor introduced the premises licence application and the options available to Members.

The applicant's representative, Mrs Gill Sherratt, made verbal representations to the Sub-Committee. She provided background information as to the applicant and the premises before outlining that the variations sought were largely a housekeeping and modernising exercise to ensure that the licence remained fit for purpose.

New floor plans had been submitted for approval, and whilst there were no changes to the layout or the licensed area, it was felt that the new plans were more comprehensive.

A variation to the licence was sought to include late night refreshment from 11pm to 1am.

Ms Sherratt outlined the premise licence conditions that the applicant was seeking to alter. They were seeking for conditions one and fourteen to be removed as these were felt to be redundant. With regards to condition ten, it was submitted that it should be removed as the licence was not in place to regulate fireworks.

It was submitted that an update to condition nine (as per appendix D) was being sought to add more detail and to make it clearer to enforcement officers. It was noted that the Council's Environmental Health department were content with the proposed amendment.

It was argued that condition thirteen should be removed as it would prevent customers in the restaurant from taking an opened bottle of wine away with them if they had not finished it with their meal. It was further submitted that it would have a detrimental effect on weddings at the premises if guests could not have photographs/toasts with champagne at nearby scenic areas.

The Area Manager of the applicant, Simon Taylor, gave brief verbal representations, assuring the Sub-Committee that the applicant wanted the hotel to be a good employer and a good neighbour. He accepted that there had been a few issues in April 2023, but the staff had been very reactive to these. They had increased surveillance of the outside areas and continued to monitor the situation.

The applicant's representative responded to several questions raised by the Sub-Committee, particularly regarding CCTV at the premises, general security and safety concerns and offering clarification on various aspects of the application. She stated that a condition requiring retention and production of CCTV images would be acceptable, including coverage of the beer garden if not already in place.

The objectors, Mr and Mrs Gregory made verbal representations to the Sub-Committee. Mr Gregory outlined his concern as to the noise levels in the beer garden after 11pm. He felt that it was the hotel's responsibility to find an alternative point for people to smoke after this time and the beer garden should not be used after 11pm. His other main concern was in relation to hotel patrons congregating on the main road, particularly outside his house, whilst photographs were being taken nearby. He argued that it was a public nuisance and a safety issue which the hotel should be responsible for preventing.

Mrs Gregory reiterated the concerns raised by Mr Gregory in relation to the beer garden being used after 11pm and outlined the impact that it had on them in terms of noise.

Sawley Parish Councillor, Mr Veitch made brief verbal representations.

Mr Rhodes, although not a party to the proceedings, responded to a question by the sub-committee and outlined that whilst the hotel was an asset to the village, there had been occasions where he had to complain regarding excessive noise after 11pm. He acknowledged that the hotel staff had been responsive to his complaints but felt that noise outside between 11am – 1am was unacceptable.

Ms Sherratt responded arguing that the current licence allowed for patrons to go out into the beer garden between 11pm – 1am to smoke. The hotel could not stop people from going outside. It was submitted that the beer garden was an area that could be managed and monitored.

The Council's Solicitor reminded Members that any decision should be evidence based and should not be based upon speculation. He outlined that a licence could be reviewed in the event of a complaint, although this was normally the final stage in a

staged process. Furthermore, in the event of nuisance arising from licensable or non-licensable activity, powers were available to the Council's Environmental Health officer to take action under separate legislation.

Several further questions were raised by the Sub-Committee, and Councillor Brunskill mentioned the possibility of signage outside the premises advising patrons not to take drinks onto the highway. The Council's Solicitor advised that whilst this would not form a condition of the licence, it might be something that the applicant could carry out voluntarily – to which the applicant appeared to be receptive.

The Licensing Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the representations made by all parties, both verbal and written. The Sub-Committee considered the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing objectives, the relevant regulations and guidance under s.182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act as set out in the Report and the Council's licensing policy.

Having considered all of the above the Sub-Committee resolved to grant the application to vary the licence as follows:

- The licensable activity of provision of late night refreshment be allowed from 23.00 hours until 01.00 hours each day save for New Year's Eve when the activity would be permitted from 23.00 hours to 05.00 hours.
- The licence include the amended premises plan included with the application.
- Conditions 1, 9, 10, 13, and 14 of annex 2 of the existing premises licence be removed.
- The following conditions be added to annex 2 of the licence
 - a) The premises will adopt a "Challenge 25" policy. This means that, if a customer purchasing alcohol appears to be under the age of 25 years, they will be asked for proof of their age, to prove that they are years or older. The only forms of identification that will be accepted will bear their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark and/or ultraviolet feature. Examples of appropriate identification include a passport, photocard driving licence, military ID, and Home Office approved proof of age bearing the PASS hologram.
 - b) A CCTV system shall be in operation at the premises, including coverage of the beer garden at the south of the premises, and recorded images shall be retained for a minimum of 28 days. The data will be made available to the police and other responsible authorities upon reasonable request.
 - c) The external areas under the control of the licence holder shall not be used by customers consuming food or drink (alcoholic or otherwise) prior to 08.00 hours and after 23.00 hours to ensure that patrons do not cause nuisance to nearby neighbouring premises. The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that compliance with this condition is monitored by persons employed at the premises on at least an hourly basis whilst the premises is in operation between the hours of 23.00 hours to 08.00 hours. Notices shall be displayed prominently at all exits to the premises to notify customers of this requirement.

- d) The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that a policy is in place for the premises to prevent customers from taking any food or drinks outside the premises between 23.00 hours and 08.00 hours. This does not apply to food and drink being taken to be consumed away from the premises. Notices shall be displayed prominently at all exits to the premises informing customers of this policy.

The Sub-committee reached this decision because they did consider that the variation as granted and incorporating the additional conditions would promote and not undermine the licensing objectives.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items under this heading.

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm

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