MINUTES OF
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 11 March 2015
(7:00 - 8:10 pm)

Board Members Present: Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole (Deputy Chair), Cllr Syed Ahammad and Cllr Hardial Singh Rai

7. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

8. Application for a Review of the premises licence for Ship and Shovel Public House, Ripple Road, Barking IG11 0SN

The Councils Licensing Officer, Mr Paul Adams, presented a report in respect of an application for the review of the premises licence at Ship and Shovel Public House, Ripple Road, Barking IG11 0SN.

The Sub-Committee were advised that on 12 February 2015, an application for the Summary review of the premises Licence was received from Andrew O’Connor PC 516KG on behalf of the Chief Officer for Police for the Metropolitan Police Area as the premises had been associated with serious crime.

The Licensing Authority on receipt of the application for Summary Review must, with 48 hours of the time of its receipt, consider whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending determination of the review of the premises licence. The Sub Committee met to consider the application for Summary review on 13 February 2015. The decision notice was contained within the agenda papers at appendix D.

Following the Summary review, the Licensing Authority must in any event undertake a full review with 28 days after the day of receipt of the summary review application.

The Sub-Committee were advised that there were two Premises Licence Holders, Malkit Puaar and Jagtar Sandhu. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) was Robert Muca who replaced Malkit Puaar on 13 February 2015.

Mr Adams advised the Sub Committee that before the meeting had begun, an variation application to change the DPS had been received and accepted by the Licensing Authority, therefore Ms Olesia Kodzis was now the DPS of the premises.

The authorised activities, the times for carry out licensable activities and a copy of the premises licence were contained within the report.

The Licensing and regulatory Board had determined an application for a review of the premises licence submitted by the Metropolitan Police on 21 October 2014. The Sub Committee were reminded that an appeal had been made to the Magistrates’ Court against the decision and the matter was pending, awaiting
determination by the Courts on 24 March 2015.

The Chair questioned Mr Puaar as to whether the appeal had been withdrawn, following comments made at the last hearing. Mr Puaar advised that the appeal had been withdrawn, however the Sub Committee noted that the Licensing Officers had not been formally made aware of this.

The Chair invited the Police representative, Ms Kitty St Aubyn to address the Sub Committee.

1. The Police had felt it necessary to use emergency measures to call the Summary Licence Review due to the serious crime taking place at the premises. All options available to the Police had been exhausted.

2. On Saturday 7 February 2015, Police Officers from the Central Licensing Team undertook a random spot check on the premises and found it to be in breach of several conditions on the licence including no lockable drugs or weapons boxes, drinking outside after 23:00, SIA staff visibility and the DPS not holding a personal licence.

3. On Sunday 8 February 2015 a female customer was punched and knocked out in the car park of the premises. When asked to call an ambulance, it was alleged that the door staff refused. It was suspected that the victim had received brain injuries, however it was reported that she had now been released from hospital.

4. The Police had attended the incident and were advised that the victim had been taken to Newham General Hospital in a taxi.

5. Due to several incidents taking place in the premises over the last year, the Police had lost faith in the management of the premises and requested the following:
   - All Licensable activities to be terminated at 03:00, with the premises to close at 04:00.
   - Between the hours of 23:00 – 04:00 there will be a minimum of six SIA door staff including one female at all times, seven days a week.

6. The Police confirmed they were satisfied with the change in DPS and the CCTV installed in the premises.

The Chair invited Mr Puaar to address the Sub Committee to respond. Mr Puaar advised that having spoken to the Police already; he was willing to accept the conditions as suggested by the Police.

The Chair then gave all parties the opportunity to sum up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate.

**DECISION**

The Sub Committee had regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued, the Councils Licensing Policy and all matters presented before it, both written and aural.
The Sub Committee agreed that in order to promote the licensing objectives to vary the licence for the Ship and Shovel Public House as follows:

(i) The licensable activities at the premises shall cease at 03:00 every day, with an hour cooling off period and the premises shall close by 04:00.

(ii) Between the hours of 23:00 and 04:00 every day, there shall be six licensed door supervisors employed including one female at all times.