

## Licensing Sub Committee

A meeting of Licensing Sub Committee was held on Wednesday, 13th June, 2007.

**Present:** Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr William Woodhead.

**Officers:** M Vaines, V Wilford (DNS); J Nertney (LD).

**Also in attendance:** No other persons were present.

**Apologies:** Mrs Takhar (Premise Licence Holder).

**LSC  
8/07**      **Appointment of Chairman.**

RESOLVED that Councillor Woodhead be appointed Chairman for this meeting only.

**LSC  
9/07**      **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**LSC  
10/07**      **Booze For You, 26 Mill Lane, Billingham, Stockton on Tees - Application for a Review of a Premise Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.**

The Chair introduced all persons who were present and explained the procedure to be followed during the hearing.

It was noted that Mrs Takhar had submitted her apologies and indicated that she had no objection to the application been heard in her absence.

A copy of the report had been provided to all those persons present and to members of the Committee. Members noted that this review of a premises licence was made at the request of the Trading Standards section.

With regard the Applicants submission the Committee noted that Mrs Takhar had confirmed that she was happy to agree to the five conditions been placed on the Licence and that an alternative Designated Premises Supervisor would be appointed within 3 months of this hearing. Mrs Takhar had signed to confirm her agreement to this course of action.

The five conditions were:-

1. All staff will insist on evidence of age from any person appearing to be under 21 years of age and who is attempting to buy alcohol.
2. All staff will be trained with regard to the sale of alcohol and the law relating to it. Staff will be re-trained at least every three months.
3. Training records, signed by both the staff member and the proprietor will be retained for future reference and shall be updated at least every three months. All staff training records will be made available to enforcement agencies on request.

4. The business will maintain a refusals book to record all instances where the sale of alcohol has been refused. This shall include the date, time and place of the attempted sale and brief details of the incident. The Designated Premises Supervisor will sign each page.

5. CCTV recordings will be maintained for a period of 30 days and will be made available for inspection by responsible authorities.

With regard the Respondents submission it was noted that Mrs Takhar had signed to confirm her agreement to the five conditions been placed on the Licence and that an alternative Designated Premises Supervisor would be appointed within 3 months of this hearing.

In considering their decision Members had regard to the evidence which had been presented to them. The Committee also had regard to the statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Licensing Policy.

The Committee noted that the Premises Licence Holder had confirmed that she was willing to attach a number of conditions to the Licence which would assist in improving standards at the premise and which satisfied the concerns of Trading Standards officers.

The Committee therefore agreed that the licence should be amended to include the conditions as detailed below which would have immediate effect.

RESOLVED that:-

1. All staff will insist on evidence of age from any person appearing to be under 21 years of age and who is attempting to buy alcohol.

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It was also noted that Mrs Takhar had agreed to appoint an alternative Designated Premises Supervisor within 3 months of this hearing. The Committee endorsed that agreement.

