

## Licensing Sub Committee

A meeting of Licensing Sub Committee was held on Thursday, 13th January, 2011.

**Present:** Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Maurice Perry and Cllr Bill Woodhead.

**Officers:** S Mills (DNS); J Nertney (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Premises Licence Holder: Harewood Operations Limited (formerly Nexum Operations Limited) – Mr Paul Kinsey and Mr Bill Surtees (represented by Mr Whur, Solicitor)

Cleveland Police: Sergeant Daley, PC Johnson, (represented by Mrs Nevison, Solicitor for Cleveland Police).

**Apologies:** None.

### **LSC 48/10 Appointment of Chairman**

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

### **LSC 49/10 Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **LSC 50/10 Zanzibar, High Street, Stockton on Tees -Application for 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.

The Licensing Officer presented the report to Members. It was noted that this was a deferred item which had initially considered on 14th September 2010 to consider an application from Cleveland Police under the provisions of Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The hearing on 14th September was deferred at the request of the parties to allow the premises to be monitored with a view to the Police reconsidering their review application should the premise show real and sustainable improvement.

Mrs Nevison on behalf of Cleveland Police advised Members that since September there had been a marked decrease in the number of incidents at the premise and in the seriousness of such incidents. The Police were now satisfied that at this time the premise no longer undermines the crime and disorder objective and that the Police do not feel that the Committee needed to take any further action. Mrs Nevison advised Members that the Police would continue to monitor the premise and work with the premise licence holder to ensure that the improvements did not lapse following the conclusion of this review.

Mr Whur advised Members that Mr Kinsey had made a substantial investment in the premise and had also addressed the Police's concerns. The premise had experienced an 80% increase in customers with a reduction in the number and scale of Police related incidents which indicated that the premises were operating appropriately.

Mr Whur invited Members to agree to the Polices submission that no further

action is required.

In considering their decision Members had regard to the documentary evidence which had been submitted to them along with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and to Section 182 Statutory Guidance.

Members were satisfied that the steps put in place by the premises licence holder did improve the operation of the premise and address the concerns of the Police. Members noted that the Police were satisfied at this time with the operation of the premises. Members were satisfied that no further action was required by them and informed the parties that they hoped the working relationship between the parties could continue and that the premises could build on their success.

Members noted that the Police would continue to monitor the premise and could lodge an application for a further review if the premise did not maintain the improvements that had been made.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken.