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Record of a Hearing of the Bradford Licensing Panel held on Tuesday 5 August 2008 in City Hall, Bradford

Procedural Items

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

Hearing

Application for a summary review of the premises licence <u>City</u> for Club Icon, 158 Westgate, Bradford





DECISION OF THE BRADFORD LICENSING PANEL ON 5 AUGUST 2008 IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR A SUMMARY REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR CLUB ICON, 158 WESTGATE, BRADFORD (DOCUMENT "C") Present:

Members of the Panel:

Bradford Licensing Panel: Councillors Hill (Chair), Flowers and McPhee

Representing the Applicant for the Review: John Tyson and PC S Dawson, West Yorkshire Police

The Council's Licensing Officer reported to Members that West Yorkshire Police had submitted an application for a summary review of the premises licence for Club Icon, 158 Westgate, Bradford, following an incident on 3 August 2008 at the premises which resulted in a fatal shooting. It was explained that in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006), on receipt of a valid application, the licensing authority must, within 48 hours, consider whether it is necessary to take any interim steps pending determination of the review of the premises. A full review must then be undertaken within 28 days of the receipt of the application. The required Certificate from the Acting Chief Superintendent was provided which stated that the Police considered that the incident at Club Icon was very serious. In considering whether interim steps should be taken the Panel were advised that it may: (a) modify the current conditions of the premises licence; (b) exclude the sale of alcohol by retail (or other licensable activities) from the scope of the licence; (c) remove the designated premises supervisor from the licence; (d) suspend the licence.

On behalf of the applicant, the West Yorkshire Police, Mr Tyson indicated that the Police's enquiries were ongoing but it had been identified that the shooting had taken place on the Club Icon premises. The Police considered the shooting incident to be a serious offence and it had taken place on premises which were licensed. A number of persons had been arrested in connection with the matter. Condition 57 attached to the premises licence set out those circumstances that required the Police to be notified in advance if the premises were operating beyond 0300 and the shooting had taken place after that time. It was requested that the premises licence for Club Icon be suspended pending a full review.

Members of the Panel questioned the Police representatives asking if CCTV had been installed on the premises and if registered SIA door supervisors were in attendance at Club Icon. The Police indicated that what had happened to the CCTV recording was being investigated and the presence of door supervisors was yet to be ascertained.

Resolved –

That having considered the evidence supplied by the Police in relation to the application for a summary review the premises licence for Club Icon be suspended with immediate effect pending a full review. Reason: The Panel considered the evidence presented by the Police relating to a serious incident involving firearms leading to a fatality was compelling enough to justify the immediate suspension of the licence pending a full review - prevention of crime and disorder objective.

Chair

Note: This record is subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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