

Licensing Act Sub-Committee - Record of Hearing held on Monday 25 February 2013 at 6.00pm

MEMBERS: Councillor THOMPSON (Chairman); Councillors Mrs HEARN and WARNER.

1 Appointment of Chairman.

Councillor Hearn proposed that Councillor Thompson chair the hearing. This was seconded by Councillor Warner.

RESOLVED: (Unanimous) That Councillor Thompson chair the hearing.

2 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs).

None were received.

3 Review of Premises Licence – Shams Convenience Store

The Chairman introduced members and officers present and detailed the procedure to be followed at the meeting.

The Licensing Officer outlined the report detailing the application for a review of a premises licence Shams Convenience Store, 112 South Street that had been made by Sussex Police under the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.

Sussex Police contended that the licensing objective had been undermined by the carrying on of unlicensed licensable activities at Shams Convenience Store. This included the sale of beer and cider above 5.6% abv (alcohol by volume), the exposure for unauthorised sale of alcohol above 5.6% abv and the keeping of alcohol above 5.6% abv on the premises. This contravened condition 10 on the premises licence which stated that beer and cider over 5.6% abv would not be sold at the premises.

The Sub-Committee was informed that on the 24 January 2013, Mr Nazir Ahmed Sepahi surrendered his premises licence in connection with Shams Convenience Store. The Licensing Act 2003 allows for a premises licence to be reinstated within 28 days following the surrender of a premises licence.

Mr Peter Savill, Barrister representing Sussex Police advised the Sub-Committee that the deadline for reinstating the licence had now passed therefore there was no longer a requirement to have a hearing. This was accepted by the Sub-Committee.

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

**M Thompson
Chairman**

