

Report to:	Licensing Panel
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Meeting :	23 rd April 2015

APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF A PREMISES LICENCE – STONEHOUSE HOTEL

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider an application to transfer the Premises Licence for the Stonehouse Hotel, 26/28 Vance Road.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 The Panel is requested to consider the representation and determine whether it is appropriate for the promotion of the crime and disorder objective to allow the transfer to take place.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 An objection has been received therefore there must be a hearing to consider whether to issue a counter notice.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, once an application has been submitted and a representation received it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

4.0 **Background Information**

4.1 On 24th March 2015, the Licensing Service received an application to transfer the premises licence for the Stonehouse Hotel 26/28 Vance Road into the name of Derek Littlejohns. A copy of the application is attached.

4.2 The Police have objected to the transfer on the ground of preventing crime and disorder. A copy of the representation is attached.

4.3 **Local policy considerations**

None.

4.4 **National policy considerations**

In exceptional circumstances where the chief of police believes the transfer may undermine the crime prevention objective, the police may object to the transfer. Such objections are expected to be rare and arise because the police have evidence that the business or individuals seeking to hold the licence or business or individuals linked to such persons are involved in crime (or disorder).

4.5 **Observations**

The Stonehouse Hotel was originally licensed by the Council in 2005. The licence authorises the sale of alcohol for hotel residents and guests 24 hours a day. As this is a converted licence it only has the mandatory conditions endorsed upon it. The Panel has no powers to add conditions onto the licence today.

The premises licence was surrendered on 4th March 2015. The transfer received on 24th March 2015 had the effect of reinstating this licence. If the transfer application was refused at today's hearing, the licence would again lapse with immediate effect.

The Panel is restricted to considering only the impact on the crime and disorder objective when reaching their decision.

4.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

4.7 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 4a: Transfer application

Appendix 4b: Representation from Lancashire Constabulary

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None