

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2015

Present:

Councillors

G Coleman

Evans

O'Hara

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved:

That Councillor Evans be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Panel for this meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman explained the procedure for the meeting and highlighted that a period of thirty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- FOXHALL NEWS AND BOOZE

The Panel considered an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Foxhall News and Booze, 60 Foxhall Road. The application was for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises between 7am and Midnight daily.

It was noted that the application was in Bloomfield ward, one of the four wards which form the Off Licence Cumulative Impact Zone. This policy creates a rebuttable presumption against the granting of additional licences in the area.

The applicant, Mr Marvan Neif, and his solicitor, Mr Michael Woosnam, were in attendance and outlined the application including potential additional conditions suggested by the applicant and the applicant's previous experience of working in off licences in the area.

Mr Mark Marshall, Licensing and Enforcement Manager, outlined the objections of the Licensing Authority and Public Health to granting of the licences highlighting the ongoing problems in the area linked to the availability of alcohol.

Pc Lisa Evans, Lancashire Constabulary, spoke on behalf of the Police in objection to application and outlined the concerns regarding crime and disorder in the area.

The Panel carefully considered the evidence put to it, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Secretary of State's guidance under the Licensing Act.

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The Panel agreed that the evidence submitted by the applicant did not prove that the application would not add to the problems being experienced in the area.

Resolved:

That the application for a Premises Licence for Foxhall News and Booze be refused.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 2.45pm)

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