

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016

Present:

Councillors

Hunter

Maycock

Owen

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Licensing Panel considered the appointment of a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved:

That Councillor Hunter 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 including that an equal time limit of twenty minutes had been allocated for both parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE- CRESSINGTON HOTEL

The Licensing Panel considered an application for the review of a Premises Licence in respect of the Cressington Hotel, 8-10 Barton Avenue. The Premises Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor was Karl Grainger and the application for a review was submitted by Health and Safety.

Mr Marshall, Licensing and Health and Safety Enforcement Manager was in attendance and presented the case on behalf of Health and Safety. He highlighted the safety issues identified in the visit by Health and Safety staff but emphasised that the key problem was that the Licence Holder was no longer contactable and clearly not in control of the premises. In response to questions from the Licensing Panel, Mr Marshall explained that the premises were now compliant but the issue was that it was clear that the Licence Holder had left the premises sometime ago. There was therefore an ongoing issue with future compliance.

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The Panel noted that the Licence Holder had been invited to attend but was not in attendance. Mr Marshall explained that there appeared to be a new operator of the premises but that an application to transfer the licence had not been submitted.

The Panel considered that given the premises remained in operation in spite of the extended absence of the Licence Holder and the potential problems of enforcement related to this that it was necessary and proportionate to revoke the licence to uphold the Licensing Objectives.

Resolved:

That the Premises Licence in respect of the Cressington Hotel be revoked.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 6.30 pm)

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