

## MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - THURSDAY, 21 JULY 2016

### **Present:**

Councillors

Cox

Hobson

L Taylor

### **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 L Taylor be appointed Chairman for the 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 would be allocated for both parties.

### **4 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE- NORTHLANDS HOTEL**

The Licensing Panel considered an application to review the Premises Licence in respect of the Northlands Hotel submitted by the Licensing Authority.

The Panel noted that the Licence Holder was not in attendance but accepted that the Licence Holder had been notified on a number of occasions to the address provided to the Licensing Service of the hearing. It therefore agreed to consider the case in the Licence Holder's absence.

Mr M Marshall, Licensing Authority, outlined the concerns of that Responsible Authority regarding the operation of the premises. He explained that the premises had come to the attention of the enforcement authorities due concerns regarding anti-social behaviour at the premises and the overall state of the premises. Further investigations had confirmed that the Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor were no longer in control of

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the premises and that this left the Licensing Authority unable to ensure that the premises were operated safely and promoted the Licensing Objectives.

The Panel considered the evidence submitted by the Licensing Authority and concluded that given the Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor were no longer in effective control of the premises the only way to promote the Licensing Objectives would be to revoke the licence. The Panel considered the range of alternatives open to it but concluded these would not ensure that the Licensing Objectives were upheld.

### **Resolved:**

That the Premises Licence for the Northlands Hotel be revoked.

### **Chairman**

(The meeting ended 6.40 pm)

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