

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>LICENSING PANEL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lisa Ribchester, Licensing Officer
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	20 December 2023

## **APPLICATION TO VARY THE DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR - The Oxford Hotel, 66 – 68 Albert Road, Blackpool, FY1 4PR**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider an application to vary the designated premises supervisor at The Oxford Hotel, 66 – 68 Albert Road, Blackpool, FY1 4PR

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 The Panel is requested to consider the application and determine whether the granting of this licence would adversely impact on the crime prevention objective.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 A representation has been received therefore there must be a hearing to determine the application.

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

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

4.1 None, once an application is submitted and representations received it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

### **5.0 Council priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council priority is

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

### **6.0 Background information**

6.1 On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the licensing service received an application from Thinkinvest Global Ltd to vary the designated premises supervisor at The Oxford Hotel, 66 – 68 Albert Road,

Blackpool, FY1 4PR by naming Jason Lee Robinson as designated premises supervisor. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 4a.

6.2 The application followed a request to Transfer the licence by Thinkinvest Global Ltd, changing the name from The Albert Inn to The Oxford Hotel after the licence had been surrendered by the previous licence holder in August 2023. The delay in the processing of the application was due to the applicant not being able to produce the correct documentation for the application.

6.3 A representation has been received from Lancashire Constabulary. A copy of the objection is attached at Appendix 4b.

6.4 Local policy considerations:  
None

6.5 National policy considerations:

4.39 - The police may object to the designation of a new DPS where, in exceptional circumstances, they believe that the appointment would undermine the crime prevention objective. The police can object where, for example, a DPS is first specified in relation to particular premises and the specification of that DPS in relation to the particular premises gives rise to exceptional concerns. For example, where a personal licence holder has been allowed by the courts to retain their licence despite convictions for selling alcohol to children (a relevant offence) and then transfers into premises known for underage drinking.

4.40 - Where the police do object, the licensing authority must arrange for a hearing at which the issue can be considered and both parties can put forward their arguments. The 2003 Act provides that the applicant may apply for the individual to take up post as DPS immediately and, in such cases, the issue would be whether the individual should be removed from this post. The licensing authority considering the matter must restrict its consideration to the issue of crime and disorder and give comprehensive reasons for its decision. Either party would be entitled to appeal if their argument is rejected.

6.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix 4(a) Application form to Vary the Designated Premises Supervisor.  
Appendix 4(b) Objection from Lancashire Constabulary.

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

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

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.