

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee A was held on 5 April 2019.

PRESENT: Councillors J A Walker (Chair) and T Higgins and Biswas

OFFICERS: Catherine Cunningham - Solicitor
Caroline Breheny - Democratic Services Officer
Tim Hodgkinson - Principal Licensing Officer

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made by Members at this point in the meeting.☐

18/9 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, the public interest in doing so outweighed the public interest in the hearing, or the part of the hearing, taking place in public.

18/10 **LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE - LORD BYRON, 20-22 BRIDGE STREET, MIDDLESBROUGH****DECISION NOTICE**

1. The Committee considered an application from the Police for a summary review of a Premise Licence in respect of Premises at 20-22 Bridge Street, Middlesbrough which includes premises known as the Lord Bryon and an alcohol delivery service from that Premises.

2. Under Section 53B of the Act, the Licensing Sub Committee must consider whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending a full review where, in the Police's opinion, the Premises is associated with serious crime or serious disorder, or both.

3. The Committee considered the report, the application, the Certificate made by a Superintendent, the representations made by the Police and the Premises Licence Holder.

4. The Committee considered Sections 53A and 53B of the Act, it considered the Council's Licensing Policy and the Government Guidance.

5. The Committee considered it was necessary to take the following interim steps pending the determination of the full review of the Premises under Section 53B of the Act:

6. To suspend the whole of the Premises Licence.

7. To remove the Designation Premises Supervisor

Reasons

8. The Designated Premises Supervisor had not been in day to day management of the Premises since June 2017 and believed she was no longer the Designated Premises Supervisor since that date. She had requested she be removed from the Licence.

9. The Premises were associated with serious crime involving drugs. The Committee considers it very serious when drugs are found on a Licensed Premises and / or associated with Licensed Premises because of the links between use and distribution of drugs in its night time economy where alcohol is sold.

10. The Committee was seriously concerned that the Premises Licence Holder had not been aware of his responsibilities to ensure his Premises operated lawfully. It considered the Premises Licence Holder had held the Premises Licence since 2010 which included an alcohol delivery service since 2016 and should have been aware of his responsibilities throughout this period.

11. If the Premises Licence Holder makes representations to the interim steps a hearing will be convened to hear those representations within 48 hours (not including any non-working day).