

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REGULATORY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE  
(THE LICENSING ACT 2003)**

<b>PREMISES</b>	Stokes Stores
<b>LICENCE HOLDER</b>	Mrs CA Merrett
<b>APPLICANT'S NAME</b>	Chief Constable Paul West
<b>APPLICATION TYPE</b>	Review of Premises Licence
<b>PANEL MEMBERS</b>	Councillor Brigadier P Jones CBE Councillor JW Hope MBE Councillor CM Bartrum
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	4 November 2008

Members of the Licensing Panel of the Council's Regulatory Committee considered the above application, full details of which appeared before the Members in their agenda and the background papers.

Prior to making their decision, the Members heard from PC Thomas, representing West Mercia Constabulary, and Mr Thorne, the Principal Trading Standards Officer, together with Mr Walker, the premises licence holder's legal advisor, and Mr Harris, an employee from Stokes Stores.

Having carefully considered those matters put before them, the Members of the Committee considered that in order to promote the Licensing Objectives that the application should be, and was determined as follows:-

That the License be suspended in respect of all licensable activity for a period of 24 hours\*.

That the following additional condition be imposed upon the licence from 4 February 2009:-

- Personal licence holder to be on site at all times during sales of alcohol.

That the following additional conditions be imposed forthwith\* upon the licence:-

- That the use of 'Challenge 21' is made a condition of all sales made on the premises.
- Train all staff engaged in selling alcohol in alcohol awareness (not just personal licence holders). All new staff to be trained within two weeks of commencing employment. Evidence of training to be retained in writing and to be available for inspection by any authorised person and trading standards officers.

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**REASONS**

In reaching their decision, the Members had full regard to both the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued pursuant to Section 182 of the Act, together with the matters raised both orally and in the documents presented to the meeting. The Committee were cognisant of the fact that the Licence amounted to 'property' within the meaning of Article 1 to the First Protocol of the European Convention on Human Rights and considered that their decision was proportionate, having regard to all the matters put before them. The Members made their decision in order to promote the four licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

*\* Subject to Section 52(11) which states that a determination under this section does not have effect:*

- (a) until the end of the period given for appealing against the decision, or*
- (b) if the decision is appealed against, until the appeal is disposed of.*