

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee held at Online Meeting/Conference Room 2, Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE on Thursday 21 December 2023 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Polly Andrews (chairperson)

Councillors: Bruce Baker and Richard Thomas

In attendance:

Officers: Senior Lawyer- Civil Litigation, Principal Licensing Officer and Principal Environmental Health Officer Environmental Protection

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

49. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no substitutes present at the meeting.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

51. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The committee agreed that that under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as indicated below and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

7 Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

52. REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOLLOWING AN EXPEDITED/SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW IN RESPECT OF: THE CROWN & SCEPTRE INN, MARKET PLACE, ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR9 5NX

Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee of the council's Planning and Regulatory Committee considered the above application, full details of which appeared before the members in their agenda and supplement.

Prior to making its decision the Principal Licensing Officer presented the report which outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee and members heard representations from PC

Dean Wall, the Police Licensing Officer, Environmental Protection, the Licensing Authority and the representative of the Premises Licence Holder, Mr James Noble.

Having carefully considered those matters brought before them and in reaching their decision, the Members had full regard to both the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006), the Guidance Issued under Section 182 and Herefordshire Council's statement of licensing policy.

DECISION

The sub-committee's decision is to revoke the Premises Licence.

REASONS

The sub-committee has considered the written and verbal representations from James Noble and Julie Hawkins (a proposed replacement DPS) but fully recognise the concern of The Licensing Authority, West Mercia Police and Environmental Health – that concern being Michael Hudson continues to be in occupation at the time of the sub-committee taking place.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm

Chairperson