

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>12 APRIL 2012</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>EXPEDITED/SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE: THE GOLDEN FLEECE, 1 ST. OWENS STREET, HEREFORD, HR1 2JB – LICENSING ACT 2003</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (EHTS) PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORATE</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

### **Wards Affected**

Central

### **Purpose**

To consider an application for an '*expedited licence review*' of the premises licence relating to The Golden Fleece, 1 St. Owen Street, Hereford, HR1 2JB called by Adam Thomas, Superintendent of the West Mercia Constabulary and represented by Mr James Mooney, Police Licensing Officer.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision.

### **Recommendation**

THAT Sub-Committee determine the interim steps necessary to prevent serious crime or serious disorder at the premises and to promote the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:

- The steps that are necessary to assist with the prevention of serious crime and disorder,
- The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,
- The Guidance issued to local authorities under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, and
- The Herefordshire Council Licensing Policy.

### **Key Points Summary**

- Application received for an expedited review on 11 April 2012.
- Hearing arranged for 12 April 2012 within the required 48 hours.
- 11 April 2012 - Copies of application and certificate sent served on the premise licence holder by email and also sent to the responsible authorities.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
Fred Spriggs – Licensing Officer 01432 383542

## Options

The interim steps that the licensing authority can consider taking are:

1 Take no action or

Take any of the following steps: -

(a) to modify the conditions of the licence;

(b) the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail (or other licensable activities) from the scope of the licence;

(c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;

(d) to suspend the licence;

Where the authority takes a step mentioned in subsection (a) or (b), it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect until the full review hearing.

## Reasons for Recommendations

2 Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 and the Crime & Disorder Act 2006.

## Background Information

The powers to call for an expedited review are contained in Section 53A of the 2003 Act by virtue of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. The powers allow:

- i. The police to trigger a fast track process to review a premises licence where the police consider that the premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder (or both); and
- ii. The licensing authority to respond by taking interim steps quickly, where appropriate, pending a full review.

Applicant	<b>Adam Thomas – Superintendent West Mercia Constabulary</b> <b>Represented by: -</b> <b>James Mooney – Police Licensing Officer</b>	
Premise Licence Holder	<b>Marston's Plc</b> <b>Marston's House, Woverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 4JT</b>	
Solicitor	<b>Not known</b>	
Type of application: <b>Expedited Review</b>	Date received: <b>11/4/2012</b>	Interim Steps Hearing 48 hours <b>12/4/2012</b>

3 **Current Licence**

The current licence authorises the following licensable activities during the hours shown: -

An exhibition of a film, An indoor sporting event, A performance of live music, Any playing of recorded music, Provision of facilities for Making music & Dancing, Sale by retail of alcohol

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 - 00:00

Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 - 00:30

Sunday: 12:00 - 23:00

Provision of late night refreshment

Monday-Sunday: 23:00 - 00:00

#### 4 **The Grounds for the Review**

The grounds for the review are contained in Appendix 1 and 2 of the background papers.

#### 5 **Responsible Authorities**

Copies of the application and certificate have been sent to the responsible authorities.

### **Key Considerations**

- 6 To consider what action should be taken, if any, to prevent further outbreaks of serious crime and disorder and to promote the four licensing objectives in accordance with the recommendation.

Guidance issued by the DCMS in respect of Expedited Reviews states at paragraph: -

- 3.5 If the licensing authority decides to take steps at the interim stage then:

The decision takes effect immediately, or as soon after then as the licensing authority directs; but

The licensing authority must give immediate notice of its decision and its reasons for doing so to the holder of the premises licence and the chief officer of police who make the application.

- 3.6 The licensing authority in deciding when its decision on interim steps should take effect should consider the practical implication of compliance in relation to the premises.

- 3.7 In addition, very careful consideration needs to be given to interim steps which would require significant cost or permanent or semi-permanent adjustments to a premises which would be difficult to remove if the outcome of the subsequent full review was to withdraw or modify those steps. The focus for interim steps should be on the immediate measures that are necessary to prevent serious crime or serious disorder occurring. In some circumstances, it might be better to seek suspension of the licence pending the full review, rather than imposing a range of costly conditions or permanent adjustments.

### **Community Impact**

- 7 It is felt that any action taken will have little if any effect on the community.

### **Legal Implications**

- 8 The premise licence holder may make representations against the interim steps taken by the licensing authority. There is not a time limit for the premises licence holder to make

representation on the interim steps, although this would be within the normal review period of 28 days. On receipt of representations and if they are not withdrawn, a hearing must be arranged within 48 hours of receipt.

## **Consultees**

- 9 Responsible authorities and the premise licence holder.
- 10 A copy of the application has been served on the responsible authorities.

## **Appendices**

- 11 a. Application Form for Expedited Review
- b. Certificate

## **Background Papers**

**Background papers are available for inspection in Room 18a, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford 30 minutes before the start of the hearing.**