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Review application

Jail House Night Club, Gaol Street, Hereford.

You will be aware of the licensing review application submitted by West Mercia Police. This matter was heard at a regulatory meeting on the 02 October and was adjourned until 04 December 2012.

The below are additional matters recorded on police computer systems, that West Mercia Police will rely on at the hearing. These matters have been recorded since the 16 September 2012.

	Date	Time	Detail
1	28/09/12	2230hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
2	29/09/12	0028hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
3	29/09/12	0208hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
4	29/09/12	2230hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs. Amount of drugs seized indicates male was in possession with intent to supply to others – 1 arrest
5	30/09/12	0021hrs	Drugs Male found inside premises (toilets area) searched and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest

6	30/09/12	0110hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club, found in possession of illegal drugs. On being detained by staff, male became violent and assaulted door staff – 1 arrest
7	07/10/12	0200hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
8	07/10/12hrs	0020	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
9	13/10/12	0040hrs	Drugs 2 males found inside toilets at premises – suspected of using illegal drugs, searched by staff and both found in possession of illegal drugs – 2 arrests
10	14/10/12	0007hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
11	20/10/12	0302hrs	Disorder/assault Male assaulted inside premises – punched in the face and teeth damage caused – 1 arrest
12	20/10/12	0150hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
13	21/10/12	2314hrs	Assault (Teen night taking place) Allegation of assault in beer garden area of premises – male punched in the face – 1 arrest
14	21/10/12	0147hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs
15	21/10/12	0326hrs	Disorder Fight between males as they were leaving the premises – no arrests
16	22/10/12	2358hrs	Theft allegation (Teen night taking place) Personal items left in cloakroom and returned to a 3 rd party (not the victim or friends). Property later returned to the owner and money and other personal items found missing – on going investigation
17	23/10/12	2255hrs	Disorder (Teen night taking place) 2 males found trying to gain unlawful entry to the premises – both found in a private garden near to the premises – alarm and distress caused to occupants – no arrests

18	27/10/12	0045hrs	Disorder Male ejected from the club for smashing a glass, male refused to leave the area as his friends were still in the club. Police removed male from area – no arrests
19	28/10/12	0104hrs	Age verification Male detained attempting to enter the club with another persons identity document – 1 arrest
20	03/11/12	2359hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
21	04/11/12	0037hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
22	09/11/12	2314hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
23	10/11/12	0115hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
24	10/11/12	2246hrs	Drugs Male searched prior to entering club and found in possession of illegal drugs – 1 arrest
25	10/11/12	2339hrs	Disorder Male refused entry as subject to a civil pub ban, became aggressive and threatened staff. Male issued with a dispersal notice
26	11/11/12	0008hrs	Drugs Male found in toilet area acting suspiciously, searched and found in possession of illegal drugs
27	18/11/12	0230	Drugs Male seen to be handing what was thought to be illegal drugs to others – male arrested – later established that the male was in possession of a legal 'high' – available over the counter.

In addition to these matters, West Mercia Police has had further discussions with the premises licence holder to give advice with regards to deterring persons coming to the club with drugs and therefore promoting the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

The premises licence holder put in place a suggestion that the club would have a 'meet and greet' system, where guests would be spoken to prior to reaching the front door of the premises (where they would be searched), and advised that they will be searched and that if illegal items were found the police would be called. This process has been used on one occasion (Saturday 20 October 2012), for a number of core hours when guests come to the club. However items (12) and (14) on the above table took place AFTER the 'meet and greet' system was lifted.

In addition to 'face to face' discussions with the premises licence holder, he agreed to have weekly contact with the Police Licensing Officer to discuss issues that have occurred in the previous week.

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