

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

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

PREMISES	The Royal Oak
PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER	Minster House (Leominster) Limited
APPLICANT'S NAME	Chief Constable – West Mercia Police
APPLICATION TYPE	Expedited/summary licence review
PANEL MEMBERS	Councillor DW Greenow (Chairman) Councillor BA Durkin Councillor PJ McCaull
DATE OF MEETING	22 July 2015

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 Inspector Nick Semper and Jim Mooney representing West Mercia Police; and Mr Fred Spriggs, Licensing Officer Herefordshire Council.

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 the guidance issued under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 as amended and the Council's Licensing Policy.

DECISION

It is the decision of the Regulatory Sub-Committee that:

1. The licence of the Royal Oak be suspended until:-
 - a) The present Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) has been removed and a new DPS appointed.
 - b) CCTV camera equipment shall be fitted, operating and approved by the Council's Licensing officer to all appropriate parts of the premises including Bar 44.
2. The conditions of the license be modified to require that:-
 - a) a minimum of two SIA registered door staff be employed from 21:00hrs on Fridays and Saturdays and on all occasions when regulated entertainment takes place until the conclusion of licensable hours and activities.
 - b) a personal licence holder be on the premises at all the above times (noted in the previous condition).

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Note – the Committee expresses its grave concern that CCTV camera facilities should not have been already installed on the premises notwithstanding these requirements made clear for a number of years.

REASON

1. The nature of the injuries and apparent non-adherence to the Licensing Conditions is of great concern
2. The Sub-Committee's decision today in no way prejudices what the Sub-Committee's decision may be on any future review within the 28 day period. It will consider the matter on the review date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1 The Committee is required to review the premises licence in full within 28 days of the application for an Expedited/Summary licence review made on 21st July 2015.
- 2 The review has been set for 13 August 2015 at 11am.
- 3 There is no right of appeal to a magistrates' court against the licensing authority's decision at this stage.
- 4 The act allows the premises licence holder to make representation against the interim steps by sending notification to the Licensing Authority.
- 5 In such case the authority must hold a hearing within 48 hours to consider it.