

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

PREMISES	Mila Convenience Store, 102-104 Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JS
PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER	Heman Jamal
APPLICANT'S NAME	Chief Constable – West Mercia Police
APPLICATION TYPE	Expedited/summary licence review
PANEL MEMBERS	Councillor DW Greenow (Chairman) Councillor PA Andrews Councillor AR Round
DATE OF MEETING	29 November 2016

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 Sergeant Duncan Reynolds and Jim Mooney representing West Mercia Police; and Mr Fred Spriggs, Licensing Officer Herefordshire Council. Those representations disclosed information about serious crime, namely evasion of duty and tax, being directly associated with the premises as well as the employment of illegal workers. Non duty paid cigarettes and alcohol were found on the premises as were the keys to a nearby location from which there was a seizure of a large quantity of similar goods.

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

Hearing of the regulatory subcommittee held on 29 November 2016 in respect of an expedited review of the licenced premises known as Mila Convenience Store, 102-104 Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JS.

Having heard a summary of the evidence and received a report from the Council's Licensing officer the committee has taken the interim step of suspending the licence for the above premises. This interim step was considered appropriate given the need to promote the licensing objectives and in particular the prevention of crime and disorder pending a full review. The interim steps will be reconsidered at the review hearing and may be extended until the outcome of any appeal. This interim step takes immediate effect.

This matter will be further considered at a review hearing on 15 December 2016 at 2.00 pm.

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- 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 29 November 2016.
- 2 The review has been set for 15 December 2016.
- 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 written notification to the Licensing Authority.
- 5 In such case the authority must hold a hearing within 48 hours to consider whether to maintain, remove or modify the interim steps.