

AGENDA ITEM

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COMMITTEE: LICENSING PANEL

DATE: MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2014

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF PREMISES
LICENCE – BLING NIGHT CLUB, CHURCH STREET LUTON**

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER SERVICES

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL

COMMUNITY

SAFETY

EQUALITIES

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

OTHER

STAFFING

WARDS AFFECTED: SOUTH

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Licensing Panel to consider the Police's application for an expedited review of the Premises Licence in respect of Bling Night Club, Church Street Luton.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Licensing Panel determine the Police's application for the expedited review of the Premises Licence of Bling Night Club, Church Street Luton.

BACKGROUND

3. On 21st October 2014 the Licensing Service received an application under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 for an expedited review of the Premises Licence of Bling Night Club (“the Premises”) together with a certificate under section 53A(1)(b) from PC Read on behalf of Chief Officer of Bedfordshire Police. The application alleged the likelihood of serious crime and serious disorder. Copies of both documents are attached.
4. A copy of the Premises Licence is attached at Appendix B. The Premises are licensed for Live music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance, Entertainment similar to music/dance, Provision of facilities for dancing, Supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises. Monday to Sunday 11.00 to 03.00 (the following day). The opening hours of the premises is Monday to Sunday 11.00 to 03.30 (the following day) A map showing the location of the premises, along with an aerial image, and a plan of the premises submitted by the applicant, is attached at Appendix C.
5. On 21st October 2014 the Licensing Panel met to consider whether it was necessary to take interim steps pending the full review hearing. It decided that the Premises Licence should be suspended with immediate effect until full hearing. A copy of the Decision Letter is at Appendix D.
6. A representation was made against the decision to suspend the licence by the Premises Licence Holder’s solicitors. A copy of the Representation is at Appendix E.
7. On 27th October 2014 the Licensing Panel met to consider the representation received by the Premises Licence Holders solicitors. It was decided that the Premises Licence should remain suspended until the full review hearing. A copy of the Decision Letter is at Appendix F.

REPORT

7. The application for a review is based on the belief of the Police that the Premises are associated with serious crime and disorder.
10. The application for review has been advertised and no representations have been received from any of the responsible authorities or interested parties.

OBSERVATIONS

12. In determining this application, the Licensing Panel must, having regard to the application and to the relevant representations received, take such of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
- (a) Modify or add conditions to the Premises Licence either permanently or for a specified period not exceeding 3 months
 - (b) Exclude a licensable activity from the Premises Licence either permanently or for a specified period not exceeding 3 months
 - (c) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor
 - (d) Suspend the Premises Licence for a period not exceeding 3 months
or
 - (e) Revoke the Premises Licence.
15. The Licensing Objectives are:
- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - The Protection of Children from Harm
 - Public Safety

APPENDICES

The following Appendices are attached to this report:-

Appendix A: Application and Certificate pages

Appendix B: Premises Licence

Appendix C: Map and plan of the premises

Appendix D: Decision letter following hearing on 21st October 2014

Appendix E: Representation from Premises Licence Holder Solicitor

Appendix F: Decision letter following hearing on 27th October 2014

Appendix G: Representation from Enterprise Inns Plc

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Licensing Act 2003

Licensing Act 2003 (as amended by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006)
Expedited/Summary Licence Reviews Guidance (DCMS October 2007)