

Member Decision Taken Without the Need to Hold a Licensing Hearing

6 October 2016 (By telephone conference call)

Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence – B & M Stores 238 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear.

Both parties and the Licensing Authority agreed that a licensing hearing was unnecessary.

There were no Declarations of Interest

Members Considering the Application

Councillor M A Green, Councillor L Darke, Councillor Janet Hunter

The Members were asked to consider an application for the variation of a Premises Licence in relation to B & M Stores, 238 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay. The Applicant, B & M Retail Limited, sought a variation of the Licence so as to be permitted to supply alcohol by way of off-sales each day of the week from 08:00 hours to 22:00 hours. The existing Licence permitted the sale of alcohol each day of the week from 08:00 hours to 20:00 hours.

The Authority received representations from the Chief Officer of Police in relation in respect of the licensing objective concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder.

The Members heard from Miss Frankland who addressed them on the contents of her report and she confirmed that the Applicant was now only seeking an extension of hours for the supply of alcohol during the month of December each year and that agreement had been arrived at between the Applicant and the Police in terms of conditions to be added to the Licence during the month of December.

Having considered the documentation before it, and noting the agreement arrived at between the Applicant and the Chief Officer of Police in relation to the Application and proposed Licence conditions, the Members agreed to the variation of the Premises Licence and the additional hours of trading sought with the conditions set out below being attached to the Licence:-

1. The hours permitted for the sale of alcohol from the Premises by way of off sales will include a seasonal variation so that the Premises will be permitted to supply alcohol from 08:00 hours and 22:00 hours between 1 December and 31 December inclusive of those dates.
2. The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a Security Officer is on duty in the trading area of the Premises at all times between 16 December and 31 December inclusive of those dates between the hours of 18:00 hours and 22:00 hours.

In arriving at its decision the Members had due regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Secretary of State's Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the need to make a decision that would promote the licensing objectives.