

Member Decision Taken Without the Need to Hold a Licensing Hearing

14 March 2017

Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence – King Street Newsagents, 142 Tynemouth Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

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

There were no Declarations of Interest

Members Considering the Application

Councillor M A Green, Councillor L Darke, Councillor D McMeekan

The Members were asked to consider an application for the grant of a Premises Licence in relation to King Street Newsagents, 142 Tynemouth Road, North Shields. The Applicant, Mr Jagdish Singh, sought the grant of a Licence to be permitted to supply alcohol by way of off sales each day of the week from 06.30 hours to 23.00 hours and for the Premises to remain open between those hours.

The Authority received representations from the Chief Officer of Police in relation to the licensing objectives concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm.

The Members heard from Miss Frankland who addressed them on the contents of her report and she confirmed that agreement had been arrived at between the Applicant and the Police in terms of conditions to be added to the Licence.

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 grant of the Premises Licence for the hours requested subject to the slightly amended conditions set out below being attached to the Licence:-

1. A CCTV system will be installed at the Premises and maintained in proper working order at all times and the Premises Licence Holder will ensure that:-
 - a) The CCTV cameras are located at the Premises to provide coverage of entrances and exits, both internally and externally and where the sale of alcohol takes place.
 - b) The CCTV system is able to capture clear images permitting identification of individuals.
 - c) The CCTV system will be in operation whenever licensable activities are taking place at the Premises.
 - d) The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 4 frames per second and all recorded footage must be securely retained for a minimum of 28 days.

- e) The CCTV system is capable of constantly generating an accurate date and time.
 - f) The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with e.g. password protection.
 - g) There will be members of staff present at the Premises during the operating hours that will be trained to provide viewable copies of CCTV images as soon as possible following a request from representatives of Northumbria Police or the Licensing Authority made in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 (or any replacement legislation).
2. Signs will be displayed at the Premises informing customers that a CCTV system is in operation at the Premises. Such signs will be displayed so as to be readily seen and read by customers and must be a minimum of A5 in size.
 3. All members of serving staff at the Premises shall seek credible photographic proof of age evidence from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 years and who is seeking to purchase alcohol. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will either be a current passport, photographic full driving licence, or proof of age card carrying the hologram "PASS" logo or H.M. Forces ID card.
 4. All members of staff responsible for the sale of alcohol will receive training as to their duties and responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 (or replacement legislation) and generally on the Act before being permitted to serve alcohol at the Premises. All members of staff responsible for the sale of alcohol will thereafter receive training at least once a year as to their duties and responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 (or replacement legislation) and generally on the Act. Such training will be provided by the Designated Premises Supervisor.
 5. All training received by staff in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 (or any replacement legislation) will be recorded, and such records kept at the Premises at all times and made available for inspection immediately on request from representatives of Northumbria Police or the Licensing Authority (including Trading Standards Officers).
 6. A refusals register (electronic or paper) is to be kept and maintained on the Premises. This shall be supplied to a Police officer or a representative of Northumbria Police, or Licensing Authority (including Trading Standards Officers) immediately on request.

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.