

# MINUTES

meeting: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **5 DECEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT:-**

Councillor Clarke (Chair);  
Councillors Inston and Mrs Patten

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-**

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| R Edge     | - | Principal Officer (Licensing), Regeneration<br>Division, Education and Enterprise<br>Directorate |
| S Hardwick | - | Senior Solicitor, Governance Services<br>Division, Delivery Directorate                          |
| C W Craney | - | Democratic Support Officer, Governance<br>Services, Delivery Directorate                         |

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**Apologies for Absence**

1. No apologies for absence had been received.

**Declarations of Interest**

2. Councillor Inston advised the Sub-Committee that he had been unaware that the Premise under consideration at the meeting was in his Ward as the post office address had indicated that the Premise was in Ettingshall, when in actual fact, the Premise was in East Park Ward. On that basis he declared a personal interest and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

**Licensing Act 2003 - Review of a Premises Licence – Empire Suite (Edda Lounge), Ward Street, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton (Appendix 1)**

3. In attendance:-

**For the Applicant:-**

WPC N Holt - West Midlands Police  
PC S Williams – West Midlands Police  
K Perry – West Midlands Police  
J Freeman-Evans – Wolverhampton City Council (Environmental Health (Commercial))  
E Moreton – Wolverhampton City Council (Licensing Authority)  
N Aston-Baugh – West Midlands Fire Service  
J Bradley – West Midlands Fire Service

**Premises Licence Holder and Representatives:-**

D G Phillips – Premises Licence Holder  
D Campbell – Legal Representative (FBC Manby Bowdler)  
D Brown  
B Downing  
P Phillip Hanchard  
J Hay  
D Phillips  
L Holder

The Chair, Councillor Clarke, advised the Sub-Committee that there were a number of issues to be determined prior to the consideration of the application for the review of the premises licence in respect of the Empire Suite (Edda Lounge), Ward Street, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton. Firstly, there had been a request from the Applicant's Legal Representative that a number of Members of the Sub-Committee who had initially been due to sit at this meeting be replaced given that their participation in the visit in respect of the Night Time Economy in Wolverhampton; secondly the short notice for the replacement

Members that this request had resulted in and thirdly the amount of additional paperwork which was now necessary to consider.

The Sub-Committee in consultation with the Applicant and the Premises Licence Holder together with their representatives considered the options available including a deferment to enable the additional paperwork to be considered or, alternatively, a deferment of the meeting to a date to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 hours for a period of 15 minutes to enable the Chair and Members of the Sub-Committee together with the appropriate Officers to consider the various courses of action available.

The meeting re-convened at 10:29 hours and S Hardwick, Senior Solicitor, Governance Services, Delivery Directorate, on behalf of the Chair and Members of the Sub-Committee advised that it was considered preferential for the meeting to be adjourned to be held on 11 January 2013 commencing at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1 of the Civic Centre with any additional papers provided by the Applicant or the premises licence holder to be considered at that meeting.