

# M MINUTES

meeting: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **11 JANUARY 2013**

**PRESENT:-**

Councillors N A Patten (Chair), Angus and Mrs Patten

**IN ATTENDANCE:-**

L Banbury	-	Democratic Support Officer, Delivery
S Hardwick	-	Senior Solicitor, Delivery
R Edge	-	Section Leader (Licensing), Education and Enterprise

**Wolverhampton**  
City Council



**PART I – OPEN ITEMS**

**Election of Chair**

21. Resolved:-  
That Councillor N A Patten be elected as Chair for this meeting.

**Licensing Act 2003 – Review of a Premises Licence  
Empire Suite (Edda Lounge), Ward Street, Wolverhampton  
(Appendix 9)**

In Attendance

For the Premises

D Campbell	-	Solicitor
D G Phillip	-	Premises Licence Holder
J Hays	-	Designated Premises Supervisor

Applicant for the Review

WPC N Holt and		
PC S Williams	-	West Midlands Police
Mrs Perry	-	Barrister

Responsible Authorities

N Aston-Baugh	-	West Midlands Fire Service
J Freeman-Evans	-	Environmental Health (Commercial)
E Moreton	-	Licensing Authority

The Chair introduced the parties and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. No declarations of interest were made.

The Section Leader (Licensing) briefly outlined the report submitted to the meeting and circulated to all parties in advance. The hearing had initially been scheduled for 5 December 2012. However, due to a Member of the Licensing Sub-Committee declaring an interest as the Premises was in his Ward and additional paperwork being submitted by the West Midlands Police, Environmental Health (Commercial) and the solicitor for the Premises Licence Holder, it was resolved to defer the hearing until today. The Officer advised that an application to vary the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) had been received on 20 December 2012 and that J Hays had been registered as the DPS with immediate effect.

The Premises Licence Holder arrived late to the hearing and Mr Campbell advised the Sub-Committee that she was unwell and therefore unable to remain throughout the meeting. He suggested, therefore, that the Designated Premises Supervisor could adopt the Premises Licence Holder's statement and answer any questions raised during the hearing. He indicated that Ms Phillip was actually suffering from the norovirus. Mrs Perry advised that the West Midlands Police would be unhappy with this proposal as the Designated Premises Supervisor was new to the position, was not present at all meetings with the Police and would not be in a position to answer all questions raised in respect of the Premises.

The Council's Solicitor, whilst being reluctant to advise a further adjournment, acknowledged that the Designated Premises Supervisor would not be in a position to answer questions. The Sub-Committee endorsed this view and it was:-

22. Resolved:-

That the hearing to review the Premises Licence in respect of the Empire Suite (Edda Lounge) be re-scheduled to take place at the Civic Centre on Friday 25 January 2013 commencing at 1000 hours.