



# Licensing Sub-Committee

## Minutes – 27 November 2013

### Attendance

#### Members of the Sub-Committee

Cllr Alan Bolshaw (chair)  
Cllr Keith Inston  
Cllr Neville Patten

#### Employees

Rob Edge	Section Leader (Licensing)
Sarah Hardwick	Senior Solicitor
Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action</i>
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### BUSINESS ITEMS

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| 1. | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>There were no apologies for absence.       | - |
| 2. | <b>Declarations of interest</b><br>There were no declarations of interest. | - |

### DECISION ITEMS

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| 3. | <b>Licensing Act 2003 – Review of a Premises Licence in respect of Empire Banqueting Suite/Edda Lounge, Ward Street Wolverhampton</b><br><u>In attendance</u><br><u>For the premises</u><br>-<br><u>Applicant for review</u><br>Inspector Sarah Thomas-West, WPC Lisa Davies and WPC Natalie Holt – West Midlands Police<br>Tim Woodward – Police legal representative |  |
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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) outlined the report circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting. A Licensing Sub-Committee hearing was held on 2 November 2013 to determine interim steps to be applied to the premises licence pending a full review hearing, their decision being to suspend the licence. An interim steps hearing was held on 7 November 2013, when the Sub-Committee determined not to modify or withdraw the interim steps taken and were therefore satisfied that it was appropriate for the interim suspension to remain pending determination of the full review of the premises licence.

The Sub-Committee were advised that the premises Licence Holder had surrendered the premises licence on 25 November 2013 and that the licence would only therefore exist if a transfer application was made. If an application for transfer was received, this and the review would need to be considered by the Sub-Committee. The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 allowed the authority to adjourn the hearing to a specified date where it considered this action necessary in the interests of the public.

Resolved:

- (a) That in accordance with Section 53C(2)(C) of the regulations, the interim steps put in place following the expedited review will continue to have effect until determination at the full review hearing.
- (b) That, bearing in mind, that the suspension of the licence is limited to three months, it is suggested that the Sub-Committee be adjourned to 15 January 2014 at 10am.