

**NOTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**held 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Clive Skelton (Deputy Chair), George Lindars-Hammond and Ian Saunders

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 An apology for absence was received from the Chair (Councillor John Robson).

**2. LICENSING ACT 2003 – SUMMARY REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE – PLAYERS LOUNGE, 20 YEW LANE, SHEFFIELD, S5 9AN**

2.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application received from South Yorkshire Police, for a summary licence review made under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of the premises known as Players Lounge, 20 Yew Lane, Sheffield, S5 9AN.

2.2 Present at the meeting were Claire Bower (Principal Licensing Officer), Carolyn Forster (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee) and John Turner and Jennie Skiba (Democratic Services).

2.3 Claire Bower presented the report to the Sub-Committee and it was noted that the application for the review, received on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, had been made by Superintendent Shaun Morley, in order to prevent serious crime and disorder and public nuisance, and to protect the public from harm.

2.4 The Solicitor to the Sub-Committee provided advice in terms of how the Sub-Committee should proceed, indicating that it would initially have to consider the nature of the crime and disorder at the premises, and look to see if imposing any conditions to the Premises Licence would stop such crime and disorder. If this was not considered a suitable option, then the Sub-Committee would need to look at the possible suspension of the Premises Licence. She stated that if representations were received from the Designated Premises Supervisor in terms of any decision made at this informal meeting, arrangements would have to be made for a hearing to take place within 48 hours from the receipt of such representations, to allow for them to be considered.

2.5 Following consideration of the report, and the receipt of the legal advice provided, the Sub-Committee decided to impose interim steps, pending the decision at the full review hearing, to suspend the Premises Licence for the following reasons:-

(a) the Sub-Committee accepted that the premises had recently been

associated with a serious crime, and disorder;

- (b) the Sub-Committee was concerned that the potential for further incidents, in the short-term, was possible; and
- (c) the Sub-Committee was concerned in respect of the ability of the premises to take immediate steps, with the assistance of the Police, to address enhanced licensing, operational or management issues at the premises and to protect the community and its customers and local families.