Licensing Act Sub Committee Hearing

Wednesday 13th September 2006

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Sergeant Tony Green, Hartlepool Police PC Dave Halliday, Hartlepool Police
Police Witnesses
Sylvia Pinkney, Consumer Services Manager
Tony Macnab, Solicitor
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer
Ann McMorris, Head of Safeguarding and Review Unit –Hartlepool Local Children Safeguarding (Responsible Authority for Children)
Lorraine Hutchinson, Children and Families Team Clerk
Raymond Lancaster
Clive Harvard, Solicitor for the Premises Licence Holder
Various Witnesses

The Licensing Authority considered that the application for a review of the premises licence by the Police, responsible authority, was relevant to the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The Licensing Authority considered its options and reached the conclusion that the only responsible course of action is to suspend the licence for a period of 3 months and to modify conditions 5 and 6 of the licence by requiring door supervisors to be present at all times that the premises are open to the public and that CCTV recordings be kept for a period of 28 days.

The Licensing Authority considered that this decision is necessary and proportionate to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.