

At a meeting of this Sub-Committee held on  
5 January 2017

**(Present) Councillors J Banks, Gomez-Aspron and C Preston**

**(Also Present) Mr J Pickett (Assistant Director, Children's Social Work Support, St Helens Council)**  
**Mr D Wilson (Chief Trading Standards Officer, St Helens Council)**

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**17 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

- \* **Resolved that Councillor J Banks be appointed as Chairman for this meeting of the Sub-Committee.**

Councillor J Banks here took the Chair.

**18 MINUTES**

- \* **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2016, be approved and signed.**

**19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

**20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

- \* **Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item for the reason stated:**

**Information relating to any action taken, or to be taken, in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime (Para 7 of Schedule 12a)**

**21 LICENSING ACT 2003**  
**REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE PL007 FOLLOWING CLOSURE ORDER 'BOOZE N FOOD', 402 CLOCK FACE ROAD, ST HELENS, WA9 4QS**

Members of the Sub-Committee were informed that a review of premises licence was required for the premises known as 'Booze n Food', 402 Clock Face Road, St Helens WA9 4QS.

The Premises had been issued with a temporary Closure Notice by Merseyside Police on 20 December 2016, pursuant to Section 76 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The Licensing Authority received notification from the Magistrates' Court on 21 December 2016 of a Closure Order for the above Premises, which had been issued by the Court on the application of Merseyside Police pursuant to Section 80 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Members were informed that pursuant to Section 167 of the Licensing Act 2003, a Closure Order triggered an automatic review of the Premises Licence, which must be considered within 10 working days. Under the provisions of the Act, a Notice of Review was provided to the Premises Licence Holder and the Responsible Authorities and a public notice had been posted at the Premises and on the Council website.

Members were advised that representations had been received from:

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- Merseyside Police;
- St Helens Council Trading Standards;
- St Helens Council Community Safety;
- St Helens Council Licensing Authority; and
- St Helens Council People's Services (Safeguarding).

A copy of the Closure Orders, notice of review, representations, the existing Premises Licence, further documentation provided by Merseyside Police in relation to the Closure Order and a history of recent correspondence in relation to the Premises were attached to the report at Appendices A-H respectively.

Representatives from Merseyside Police, St Helens Council Trading Standards and People's Services (Safeguarding) were in attendance. The Premises Licence Holder had been invited to the meeting but did not attend.

Merseyside Police presented the background to their representation to the Sub-Committee and answered questions from Members. Members also had the opportunity to ask questions of the representatives from Trading Standards, People's Services (Safeguarding) and the Licensing Authority.

The representatives from Merseyside Police, Trading Standards and People's Services (Safeguarding) then left the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee considered the matter further. Prior to leaving, all parties were advised that they would be informed of the Sub-Committee's decision in due course and that a decision letter, with detailed reasons for the decision, would be provided to the Premises Licence Holder.

The Sub-Committee then deliberated in private and considered all of the relevant information, including the Closure Order and representations made by Merseyside Police, St Helens Council Trading Standards, Community Safety, the Licensing Authority and People's Services (Safeguarding).

\* **Resolved that on the balance of probabilities, the following step was considered necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm:**

- (a) to revoke the Premises Licence for the premises known as 'Booze n Food', 402 Clock Face Road, St Helens, WA9 4QS.**