

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee** held in Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors C Hunt, D Stoker and A Watson

Also Present:

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

Inspector C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary)

PC I Robertson (Durham Constabulary)

PC A Newcombe (Durham Constabulary)

Mr T Haley (Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Application for a Summary Licence Review - Drunken Duck, Durham

The Sub-Committee considered an application under Section 53A and B of the Licensing Act 2003 by Durham Constabulary for the summary review of a Premises Licence in respect of The Drunken Duck, 91A Claypath, Durham City. A copy of the application and certificate had been circulated (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader reported that the Police had requested that the application be considered in private in accordance with Regulation 14(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

Members considered the request and determined that due to the serious nature of the matters under consideration, the public should be excluded from the hearing on the grounds that the public interest in doing so outweighed the public interest in the hearing taking place in public.

Members heard from Inspector C Dickenson and PC I Robertson from Durham Constabulary and Mr T Haley, Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS). All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

At 11.00 am Councillors J Blakey, C Hunt and D Stoker **Resolved** to retire to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 11.30 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision. In reaching their decision the Sub-Committee considered the summary review application by Durham Constabulary and the verbal representations from Durham Constabulary and Mr T Haley. Members also took into account the provisions of Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003, and the interim steps available to them.

Resolved:

That the Premises Licence be suspended with immediate effect, pending a full review hearing within 28 days.