

SPEAKERS PANEL (LIQUOR LICENSING)

21 March 2019

Commenced: 10.00 am

Terminated: 10.45 am

Present: Councillors Sweeton (Chair), Bowden (Deputy Chair) and Quinn

In Attendance:

Mike Robinson	Regulatory Services Manager (Licensing)
Gemma Lee	Regulatory Compliance Officer (Licensing)
Margaret Warner	Legal Services
PC Casey	Greater Manchester Police

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by the Panel.

6 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 February 2019 were approved as a correct record.

7 EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public were excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, because disclosure of the personal information contained in the reports would not be fair to the applicant and would therefore be in breach of Data Protection principles.

8 APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE - CAESARS BAR 37 MARKET STREET HYDE SK142DA

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods submitted a report requesting that the Panel determine a review of a premises licence application for Caesars Bar, 37 Market Street, Hyde, SK14 2DA, under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Panel considered the information that had been submitted and heard from the Regulatory Services Manager that in March 2018, Greater Manchester Police carried out an investigation into an Organised Crime Group. One of the members of that group was the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor of Caesars Bar.

The Panel were informed that on 8 March 2018, following the arrest of the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, the licensed premises were searched and Police Officers found a large quantity of Class A drugs. There was a drug preparation area within the kitchen and personal amounts of cocaine were found on the bar. On 19 March 2019, the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor pleaded guilty at Manchester Crown Court and

received a total of nineteen years' imprisonment. On 25 January 2019, Greater Manchester Police submitted an application to review the premises licence.

Representatives of Greater Manchester Police and Tameside MBC Licensing addressed the Panel in turn and responded to questions from the Panel. The Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor was not present at the meeting and was not represented.

The Panel then considered the evidence that had been submitted by all parties, representations and questions and answers. In determining the review application, the Panel had to take such steps in accordance with Section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 as it considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Panel felt that it was appropriate to take the step of revoking the premises licence.

RESOLVED

That the premises licence for Caesars Bar, 37 Market Street, Hyde, SK14 2DA, be revoked.