

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
31st December, 2013

Present:- Councillor Wootton (in the Chair); Councillors Barron and Swift.

**CLUB/PREMISES CERTIFICATE (LICENSING ACT 2003) - METZ BAR,
6 MAIN STREET, ROTHERHAM**

The Sub-Committee considered an application and certificate, submitted by South Yorkshire Police, for the interim steps which could be taken pending the full review hearing on Friday 24th January, 2014 for the premises licence in respect of the premises known as the Metz Bar, 6 Main Street, Rotherham. It was noted that the Licensing Act 2003 had been amended by the Violent Crime Reduction Act, 2006, with the insertion of Section 53A and Section 53B, which enabled the Police to instigate a fast track review of a premises licence where the Police considered that licensed premises may be associated with serious crime, or serious disorder, or both.

Accordingly, the Licensing Authority received representations from the South Yorkshire Police which were not withdrawn and the Sub-Committee considered those representations.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Detective Inspector Hobson, Inspector Bentley and the Licensing Manager, Mrs. Mumby, on behalf of South Yorkshire Police and also from Stephen Metcalfe, the owner and designated premises supervisor of the Metz Bar and from several of his employees.

Members heard that the Metz Bar premises had been a cause for concern for the South Yorkshire Police because a serious incident occurred when a patron/customer of the premises received injuries on the premises, an incident witnessed by other customers early on Christmas morning, Wednesday 25th December, 2013.

The premises owner, Mr. Metcalfe, responded to questions from the Sub-Committee and from the South Yorkshire Police representatives.

The Sub-Committee gave due consideration to this expedited review of the Metz Bar premises licence, with specific reference to these licensing objectives: public safety; the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

Resolved:- That, after due consideration of the application for expedited review and to the representations submitted, the following interim measures shall apply to the premises licence in respect of the Metz Bar, 6 Main Street, Rotherham, until the full review of the premises licence has been determined in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003:-

- (i) On New Year's Day, Wednesday 1st January 2014, the licensed hours will cease at 01.00 a.m.;
- (ii) Door staff will be employed and on duty whenever members of the public are on the premises;
- (iii) Door staff will use a metal detector wand on every person seeking entry to the premises;
- (iv) Notices shall be displayed advising customers that searches will be conducted using the metal detector wand;
- (v) The last person to leave the premises each day/night shall be the Designated Premises Supervisor or other nominated paid member of staff; and
- (vi) Door staff will conduct searches of all areas of the premises, including toilet areas and a written record of such activity shall be maintained.