

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
17 DECEMBER 2012**

Present: Councillors Charlesworth, Finch and Sabetian with
Councillor Poole in reserve.

26. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Licensing Committee, the Chief Legal Officer invited nominations for the appointment of Chair for the duration of the meeting. Councillor Finch moved that Councillor Sabetian should take the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Charlesworth.

**RESOLVED (unanimously) that Councillor Sabetian be appointed
as Chair for the duration of the meeting.**

**27. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: SEVENS MINI
MARKET, 57 QUEENS ROAD, HASTINGS**

Councillor Sabetian set out the procedure that the Sub-Committee would adopt (in accordance with Standard Practice), all parties confirmed they understood this.

The Head of Environmental Services, submitted a report on an application for a premises licence at Sevens Mini Market, 57 Queens Road, Hastings.

Mr Brown, Licensing Manager, presented the report to the committee as a result of representations received. The report referred to an application which sought consent for a premises licence.

The applicant had been invited to attend but was not present. The Licensing Manager confirmed he had attempted to telephone the applicant, but there was no response. The Committee Administrator verified the details sent in the letter inviting the applicant to attend the hearing.

Mr Tony Masters, Licensing Officer for Sussex Police was present. His representation related to the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance. He referred to the previous application in that the Licensing Sub-Committee revoked the premises licence on 20 March 2012 due to the illegal sale of counterfeit, illicit and dangerous alcohol at the premises. An appeal was lodged against the decision, but was later withdrawn and the revocation of the premises licence was implemented on 3 September 2012. Mr Masters stated that the applicant submitted an application for the grant of a premise licence two months after the Licensing Committee found cause to revoke the licence. Mr Masters said that Sussex Police believe that to grant a premises licence at this time would undermine the whole process of reviewing a premise licence.

In the absence of a representative from Trading Standards, the Committee confirmed they had read their letter of representation attached under

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Appendix C of the agenda. The representation was submitted on the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and commented on the past history of the premises.

Mr Brown confirmed that there was an ongoing investigation involving another premises that may be connected to this premises and that there was not an investigation against the Designated Premises Supervisor.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the application be refused for the following reason:

Having carefully read the application and documents in support, the Committee are not satisfied that the Licensing Objectives would be upheld, in particular the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety, if the application was granted.

The Committee are not satisfied that the management of the premises would be significantly different from before.

The Committee have had regard to its own policy and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State (April 2012).

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.35pm)