#### REPORT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of Hearing:	17.11.2025
Report of:	Head of Service – Environment and Waste
Decision Required:	To Determine a Review of a Premises Licence
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Legislation:	Licensing Act 2003
Licensed Premises	Timepiece - Little Castle Street
	Reference 25/01285/LPRREV

## 1. What is the report about?

1.1 An application has been received from Mr David Dadds, seeking a review of the Premises Licence held for Timepiece. A copy of this application is attached as Appendix A to this report. The Premises Licence is attached as Appendix B to this report. The application for review has been advertised and circulated as required by the legislation. A copy of the notice of the review is attached as Appendix C to this report.

### 2. Are there any representations?

- 2.1 The legislation requires that any representations in relation to a review must be submitted to the Licensing Authority no later than the 28th day after receipt of the review application. The 28-day period beginning the day after receipt of the application. The last date for representation being the 20th October 2025.
- 2.2 A total of five representations were received within the statutory representation period. The first from a member of the public supporting the review is attached as Appendix E.
- 2.3 The second representation was received from Devon and Cornwall Police acting in their capacity as a responsible authority. This is attached as Appendix D to this report.
- 2.3 Three further representations have been received that support Timepiece within the statutory representation period. These are attached as Appendix F.

### 3. Report details:

- 3.1 The application from David Dadds referenced the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The grounds for the review are given as follows:
  - Failure to protect and aid a vulnerable young person who became unwell whilst on the premises. Including failing to call an ambulance and requesting the vulnerable person be removed from the immediate vicinity of the premises.
  - o Failure to implement spiking protocols.

- 3.2 The applicant has produced a written submission that provides further evidence for the review application. This is attached as Appendix G.
- 3.3 The applicant has produced additional witness statements to support the review application. These are attached as Appendix H.
- 3.4 The premises dispute the applicant's version of events. They have produced a bundle of evidence to demonstrate the actions the venue took on the dates specified in the review application. This is attached as Appendix I.
- 3.5 CCTV of the alleged incidents will be available to members at the hearing.

# 4. Legal and Policy Considerations:

- 4.1 The hearing must be conducted in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.
- 4.2 The Licensing Sub-Committee are required to have regard to;
  - 4.1.1 the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties; and
  - 4.1.2 the Official Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 revised February 2025; and
  - 4.1.3 the Licensing Authorities Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 4.3 In determining a licence application the Licensing Sub-Committee will consider each application on its merits.
- 4.4 The Licensing Sub-Committee, having regard to the representations, must take such of the following steps, if any, as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
  - modify conditions by altering, omitting or adding them;
  - exclude a licensable activity;
  - remove the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS);
  - suspend the licence for a maximum of three months;
  - revoke the licence.

#### 5. Recommendations:

5.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee are required to identify what steps, if any, need to be taken to determine the application.

### **Head of Service- Environment and Waste**

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Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:-None

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