

Interim Steps Police Proposed Outcomes.

West Mercia Police has submitted a bundle of evidence and following the Guidance issued under Section 182 of The Licensing Act 2020 members will have the following options available.

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence; and
- the suspension of the licence.

West Mercia Police would seek the following outcomes in the interim steps:

1) Reduction of opening and sale of alcohol hours, to be closed by 1am.

Justification: public safety/prevention of crime and disorder/ Prevention of public nuisance - it is clear disorder is occurring at the end of the night when the premises is closing, there are large numbers of people leaving at 4am, this presents challenges for agencies to manage and impacts on the broader service delivery across the county. This presents risk to both the public, staff and police.

There are only a few premises open until this time in the surrounding area which is why it is now attracting nominals from the West Midlands area.

Closing at 4am significantly impacts on local residents quality of life, enjoyment of their homes/peace and sleep.

2) AMENDMENT OF LICENCE CONDITIONS - Last entry allowed no later than 1 hr before closing

Justification: public safety - to allow for control of numbers inside and after customers have left the premises, prevent them from lingering unnecessarily in the vicinity.

3) Specific dress code to be added – no pjs, no tracksuits, no caps

Justification: public safety/prevention of crime and disorder - to avoid members of the public loitering and can't get into other premises due to their dress, also to assist with identification of offenders (their faces will be visible). This will also assist in reducing the amount of gang connections being drawn to the premises. (Clothing is very much linked to specific gangs, they will wear specific brands, certain types of clothing such as caps or sports wear)

4) AMENDMENT OF LICENCE CONDITIONS - Every customer to be searched and the metal detector wands used

Justification: public safety/prevention of crime and disorder - to prevent weapons entering the premises, to deter people who think they can take them in and deter them from attending with them in their possession..

5) Change of CCTV, System/camera upgrade – more cameras added, conditions to be added/changed – footage to be stored for at least 30 days and to be given to officers within 48hrs of the request.

Justification: public safety/prevention of crime and disorder - to deter criminal behaviour and help to improve the identification of offenders and provide a safer place for customers and staff.

6) Reduction of capacity by 100

Justification: public safety – prevent a large number people surging out of the premises at the same time and reducing the risk for crush incidents in an emergency evacuation or in a large disorder at the front of the premises where there are barriers.

7) Noise limiting equipment on BOTH floors, that keeps a record of its use/levels when open, for these records to be kept for up to 12 months and be viewed upon request by police or other authorities.

Justification: Prevention of public nuisance - this will ensure the licence condition of point 56 *"the licence holder/dps shall ensure that any noise emanating from the premises shall not cause any injury to the health of persons present or cause annoyance or nuisance to occupiers of premises in the vicinity"*

Is met and complied with and can be checked at any point if there are further complaints.

8) AMENDMENT OF LICENCE CONDITIONS - to have a dispersal policy that is actively used

Justification: prevention of crime and disorder/public safety/prevention of public nuisance – this will ensure the end of night runs smoothly with less disorder and disruption to customers and residents in the area leading to a safer night time economy. To ensure all staff know their roles and responsibilities within the NTE and safely dispersing the customers which will be assisted by staff and door staff from the premises.

9) AMENDMENT OF LICENCE CONDITIONS - to provide officers with cctv footage within 48hrs of the request.

Justification: prevention of crime and disorder – this will ensure NO evidence is lost for any investigations.

10) AMENDMENT OF LICENCE CONDITIONS - The duty manager is to sit down at the beginning of every shift with the head of door security and the expectations are to be set out and agreed by both formally and signed off on an agreed contract. This contract to be held for a minimum of 6 months and can be viewed upon request.

Justification: prevention of crime and disorder/public safety/prevention of public nuisance
All parties at the venue will know exactly what is expected of them at what point and there will be no confusion or misunderstandings with regards their responsibilities. Door staff can also be briefed on persons banned on Pubwatch to stop these nominals entering the premises.

11) SIA licenced door supervisors are to remain outside at the front of the premises 30 minutes after the premises has closed its doors and emptied of

customers to ensure safe and orderly dispersal from the area immediately outside the premises.

Justification: prevention of crime and disorder/public safety/prevention of public nuisance.

To ensure the venue is acting responsible to its venue, customers and surrounding community and preventing crime and disorder from occurring or being able to inform the appropriate emergency service for assistance if required. To make the venue accountable for the customers it has served alcohol to.

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