

LICENSING (LICENSING AND GAMBLING) SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER 2008

Present: Blatchford, Fuller, Wells

33. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Blatchford be appointed Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

COUNCILLOR BLATCHFORD IN THE CHAIR

34. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing (Licensing and Gambling) Sub-Committee held on 25th September 2008 be signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

35. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 that the press and public be excluded at a pre-determined point whilst the Sub-Committee reaches its decision.

36. ZEB BAR, 54 -56 ST MARY STREET

The Sub-Committee considered the application made by Environmental Health concerning a review of the Premises Licence in respect of Zeb Bar, 54-56 St Mary Street, previously adjourned from the meeting on 11th September 2008. Prior to formally hearing the application the Sub-Committee considered a further request from the licence holder for an adjournment (Copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Mr D Harby (Counsel for Ludgate 314 Limited) and a representative of the Environmental Health Service were present and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the decision in confidential session in accordance with Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

RESOLVED that a further adjournment of six months to 23rd April 2009 be granted subject to the following undertakings offered by the representative of the licence holder:-

- (a) no licensable activities to take place at the premises until the determination of the review; and
- (b) the owner working pro-actively with the Environmental Health

Service to address the reasons for the review.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Sub-Committee allowed an adjournment in order for the licence holder to obtain possession of the premises and to enable all parties to work together to resolve the concerns of the Environmental Health Service's request for the review.

The Sub-Committee stressed that no further adjournments would be granted and that the licence holder was expected to be fully prepared for the next hearing, having commissioned any reports deemed necessary. If access could not be granted to the premises the licence holder was expected to consider plans, the external aspects and liaise with the Environmental Health Service if necessary.