

Licensing Sub-Committee Report

Subject of hearing: **Ambaal**

Date: **20 June 2015**

Time: **4.00 pm or at the conclusion of the previous meeting.**

Venue: **Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX**

1. Special Policy Area (premises licences and club certificates)

1.1 The premises are in the special policy area. Accordingly the relevant section of Merton's Licensing Policy is particularly relevant to this application though the sub-committee is to have regard to the policy as a whole.

2. Type of hearing and powers of the sub-committee

2.1 The sub-committee is required to determine the application by taking such of the steps set out below as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

2.2 In making their determination the sub-committee must have regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing objectives, guidance issued by the Secretary of State and Merton's Licensing Policy.

2.3 Review of premises licence: s52

- (i) To modify the conditions of the licence
- (ii) To exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
- (iii) To remove the designated premises supervisor
- (iv) To suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
- (v) To revoke the licence.
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- (vii) To revoke the licence.

3. Hearing papers

3.1 The applications, notices and representations for determination by the sub-committee are contained in the hearing bundle (attached) together with any relevant existing licence. This includes any documents which must be sent to any of the parties to the hearing under Regulation 7(2) and Schedule 3 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005. This bundle has been issued to all parties to the hearing and forms part of this report.

4. Legal advice to the sub-committee

4.1 A legal officer appointed by the Head of Civic and Legal Services will attend the hearing to advise the sub-committee on statutory provision and legal matters.

5. Licensing Officer Comments

5.1 This matter arises from a review of the premises licence sought by the Metropolitan Police on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance. The grounds for the review are cited as 'breach of suspension'.

- 5.2 On 02 February 2016, the premises licence was suspended for three months, following a review sought by the Metropolitan Police.
- 5.3 Given the time limits stated in the Licensing Act 2003, the suspension of the licence began on 28 February 2016 and is so due to end on 28 May 2016. A copy of the notice of determination of this hearing is attached.
- 5.4 The application for a review of the premises licence was received by the licensing team on 20 April 2016, following a visit to the premises during the period of suspension.
- 5.5 On 28 April 2016, the licensing team received an application to transfer the licence and to vary the DPS to the name of Sathyaseelan Vaseekaran. There being no objections raised to these applications, both have been granted, and the amended licence is in the process of being issued.
- 5.6 One representation made by the licensing authority has been received.

For enquiries about this hearing please contact

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Parties to the hearing

This document forms part of the notice of hearing.

The following are parties to the hearing having submitted relevant applications, notices or representations under the statutory provisions indicated:

Applicant	
Metropolitan Police	
Licence Holder	
Mr Sathyaseelan Vaseekaran	
Statutory Authorities	
LB Merton Licensing Team	
Interested Parties	
None	

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