# Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of the Test Valley Borough Council held in Council Chamber, Guildhall, Andover on Friday 6 June 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

Attendance:

Councillor A Hope (P) Councillor A Tupper (P)

Councillor P Lashbrook (P)

Also in attendance:
Councillor A Johnston
Councillor N Long
Councillor N Anderdon
Sergeant T Adams, Hampshire Constabulary
Sergeant D Wright – Hampshire Constabulary
Georgie Fice – Licensing Assistant, Hampshire Constabulary
Professor Roy Light

### 1 Appointment of Chairman

#### Resolved:

That Councillor Hope be appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

2 <u>Minutes</u>

#### Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## 3 <u>Application for Review of a Premises Licence – The Piston</u> <u>Broke, London Street, Andover</u>

The Sub-Committee considered an application for review of a premises licence for The Piston Broke, London Street, Andover by the Environmental Health Manager of Test Valley Borough Council.

Professor Roy Light, representing the owner, Mr A Lavery, had met with the owner of The Piston Broke, Test Valley Borough Council's Environmental Protection Officers and representatives from Hampshire Constabulary prior to the Hearing to discuss the review of the premises licence and all interested parties had agreed to put forward 2 additional conditions to the Sub-Committee to address the noise issue until the existing tenants had vacated.

The Licensing Manager explained that the review had been requested following noise complaints from the three residential flats located above the premises.

Professor Light informed the Sub-Committee that the landlord of the premises had served notice to the tenants of the three flats and had been informed that these flats would be empty by October/November. The Landlord had reported that he would carry out soundproofing to the flats prior to reletting them or would leave the flats unoccupied.

The Environmental Health Protection Team, Lorna Taylor and Mark Lee reported that they had not been made aware of the notice to quit being served on the tenants prior to the meeting

Sergeant Adams explained that the Police had had significant engagement with the premises over many months but was happy with the outcome of the pre meeting discussions.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to consider the matter.

#### Decision

Upon return, the Chairman informed the meeting that the Sub-Committee, in reaching its determination upon the matter, had had regard to the National Licensing Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, Test Valley Borough Council's own Licensing Policy, together with the representations made at the Hearing and in writing.

The Sub-Committee were concerned about the manner in which the premises had been conducted during the course of the last 12 months and took a very serious view of the matters raised by the Environmental Health Protection Team and Hampshire Constabulary. However they were pleased to note that that a measure of agreement had been reached as to the future operation of the premises.

#### Resolved:

That the following two conditions be added to the Premises Licence:

- 1. No regulated entertainment shall take place between 23.00-12.00 hours and no live music shall be played at any time until full implementation of a noise insulation scheme and the completion of sound testing to verify the effectiveness of that noise insulation scheme to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Manager or when nobody is residing in the flats above.
- 2. All licensable activities should be confined to between 11.00-23.00 hours Sunday to Thursday and 11.00-23.59 hours on Fridays and Saturdays only until full implementation of a noise insulation scheme and the completion of sound testing to verify the effectiveness of that noise insulation scheme to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Manager or when nobody is residing in the flats above at which time the licensable activities will revert to the original hours on the original licence.

(Meeting terminated at 12.12pm)