

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room No. 6) on  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

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1.	<b>Receipt of Declarations of Interest (if any)</b>	
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4.	<b>Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 – Section 16 Application for Grant of Permit for Prize Bingo – The Torrens Public House, North Hylton Road, Sunderland</b>	3
	Report of the Director of Community and Cultural Services (copy herewith).	

R.C. RAYNER,  
City Solicitor.

Civic Centre,  
SUNDERLAND.

23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2006.

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**At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Mrs. Higgins in the Chair

Councillors Bohill, P. Gibson, Gofton, Grey, J. Heron, T. Martin, Richardson, J.B. Scott, Trueman, J. Walton, Whalen and Wilson.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Howe and Peter Maddison.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Invitation from Northumbria Police for Members' Site Visit to Sunderland City Centre**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) on an invitation received from Northumbria Police for Members to undertake a site visit to Sunderland City Centre to observe the operation of the 'evening economy' following the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Members were advised that it was hoped to arrange the visits for Thursday and Friday evenings towards the end of July 2006 (i.e. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) and were asked to contact Mr. Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager regarding their availability.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the invitation from Northumbria Police for Members to undertake a site inspection of the City Centre be accepted and that the Director of Community and Cultural Services be authorised to make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

(Signed) M. HIGGINS,  
Chairman.

**LICENSING COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

**LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS ACT 1976 – SECTION 16  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PERMIT FOR PRIZE BINGO  
THE TORRENS PUBLIC HOUSE, NORTH HYLTON ROAD, SUNDERLAND**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 An application has been received from Susan Elizabeth Edwards for a permit for the provision of prize bingo at the above premises. It is intended that the prize bingo be run as a form of amusement for customers.

**2.0 CONSULTATION REPLIES**

- 2.1 Northumbria Police have no objections to the application.
- 2.2 The Director of Development and Regeneration has been consulted with regard to Planning matters and has no objection to the application.
- 2.3 The views of the Health and Safety Section have been requested and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

**3.0 RELEVANT STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

- 3.1 The local authority has a general discretion whether or not to grant an application for a prize bingo permit. However, the discretion to refuse an application is limited to the extent that only matters relevant to the purpose of the licensing requirements should be taken into account. Matters which are relevant to other areas of statutory control should be disregarded. Relevant matters for consideration include the need for the proposal and its social effects, and matters of public order.
- 3.2 An application may not be refused unless the applicant has been given the opportunity to attend before the Committee to give representations.

**4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the above application and, if so minded, are recommended to grant the application.

**Background Papers**

1. Application for grant of permit for prize bingo received 06/06/06

2. Email from Northumbria Police Dated 14.06.06
3. Memorandum from Director of Development and Regeneration's Development Control Section received 13.06.06