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Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Panel

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5 December 2018

Present: Councillor Ludford (Chair) – in the Chair

Councillors: T Judge and S Lynch

LACHP/18/177. Application for a Summary Review of a Premises Licence for Factory 251, 118-120 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 7EN.

The Committee considered the application and the CCTV evidence and oral representations from both GMP and the premises licence holder. Following a request by Greater Manchester Police the Committee excluded the public from part of the proceedings under Regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 on the grounds that the evidence being viewed formed part of the criminal investigation and any release to the public may jeopardise any future criminal proceedings and therefore the Committee considered it was in the public interest for the public to be excluded for this part of the hearing.

Following consideration of everything presented by the parties the Committee considered this was a very disturbing and serious incident and noted that both parties were in agreement that in the circumstances a suspension was necessary and appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The Committee was in full agreement with the parties that a suspension was necessary to promote the Licensing Objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The Committee also noted that the premises had voluntarily closed following the incident and that the operator currently has no door supervisors employed at the premises. The Committee also noted the intention of the operator to take stock of the operation of these premises and review its practices and procedures in relation to the premises.

Decision

To suspend the licence pending the full review hearing on 28 December 2018.

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