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Subject: Licensing SubCommittee 15 March 2023

Dear all,

I enclose the decisions and reasons from this afternoons Interim steps hearings. I confirm that the decisions and reasons were communicated verbally to the Premises licence holders following the hearings.

Item 4 The Queens Hotel

GMP made an application to the exclude the public from the hearing on the grounds that there were ongoing investigations into multiple serious offences, these investigations were at an early stage and if information from the hearing was made public this may prejudice the investigations. The MEN opposed the application and told the Committee that the incidents were already in the public domain and further information could be redacted to prevent damage to the investigation.

The Committee decided it would be in the public interest to exclude the public from the hearing under Regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 as there was a possibility that representations made and evidence presented would prejudice the ongoing police investigations . The public would not be excluded from the part of the hearing when the decision was announced to the parties.

Decision: To suspend the licence pending the review of the licence on 6 April 2023.

Reasons: The Committee carefully considered the content of the report and the oral representations of both parties . The Committee heard evidence from GMP that members of management from the Queens Hotel had been onvolved in a violent incident on 12 March 2023 which occurred in the vicinity of a different premises. The Committee heard that the investigation is at a very early stage and GMP have real concerns that there would be reprisals if the premises was to remain open pending the review. Based on the information available the Committee shares the concerns of GMP and considers that if the premises was to remain open that would put at risk the safety of the management and staff of the Queens Hotel, the patrons and also other members of the community. Therefore the Committee consider it appropriate to suspend the licence pending the review hearing on 6 April .

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