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Dear Sir / Madam

Subject Line: Notification of hearing decision re 286965/PW5: Summary Review of Premises Licence: Vision, Arch 58, Whitworth Street West, Manchester, M1 5WW - 28/04/2023

**The Licensing Act 2003 (Summary Review of Premises licences) Regulations 2007**

**Notice of hearing decision: Summary Review of Premises Licence**

Following the Licensing Sub-committee hearing on 28/04/2023, I write to formally advise you of the sub-committee's decision regarding:

Vision  
Arch 58  
Whitworth Street West  
Manchester  
M1 5WW

**Decision**

To modify the premises licence pursuant to s53D(3)(a) of the Licensing Act 2003 by replacing Condition 10 as follows:

10. Every customer entering or re-entering the premises will be searched with a metal detector wand by an SIA registered door supervisor and this is to be carried out in full view of recordable CCTV camera(s). Any person in possession of a weapon will be refused entry and the police will be called. Any person refusing to be searched or not passing a search will be refused entry. Notices stating that every customer will be searched with a metal detector wand will be displayed prominently at the entrance to the premises.

Interim Steps Decision:

Interim steps to remain in place as provided for by s53D(4)(a)

**Reasons**

The Committee considered the documentation in relation to this matter, the representations on behalf of the Chief Officer of GMP made by PC Alan Isherwood and the representations made by Vision and their representative, Mr Richard Williams. They noted there had been no other representations.

The Committee accepted the premises had been proactive on the night in question by co-operating with and assisting the police in preserving the crime scene and in their efforts to

identify and apprehend the offender. The staff had given first aid to the victim, contacted the Ambulance Service and had done everything possible on the night in the aftermath of the incident.

The Committee heard from PC Isherwood that he and colleagues had been to the premises during the intervening period of the Summary Review and the hearing today; having viewed the search/wandering procedure, they were satisfied the searches were being conducted properly and in line with the modified condition. They noted subsequent to this temporary condition being imposed there had not been any knives or weapons recovered and the venue had gone to the extent of preventing people with metal hair pins entering the venue as they were aware these too could be used as weapons.

PC Isherwood confirmed there had been no further incidents and the Committee accepted his opinion that the premises was 'very well run'. They also noted PC Isherwood opined the interim steps condition was sufficient and proportionate and was requesting the same be made a permanent condition to promote the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The Committee noted prior to the incident the condition on the premises licence was for random searches only which was effectively at the discretion of the premises:

10. There shall be a random search policy, and a notice to that effect shall be displayed at the entrance to the premises

They accepted the venue's explanation that a 'Knife Arch' would be prohibitive in that a knife arch would slow the admission process down and prolong queuing given only one person could enter at a time and may have to 'reverse and re-enter' causing delays. They also accepted the venue currently, could 'wand' three people at any one-time minimising queues/waiting time and most importantly, the 'wandering' had been effective in preventing any person entering with a weapon or anything capable of being used as a weapon.

Given the above and the history of the club i.e. in its twelve years of operation there had been no incidents of this nature, their actions on the night and the effectiveness of the Interim Steps modified condition, the Committee considered it was proportionate and appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder to implement the interim Steps condition as a permanent condition and modified the licence (condition 10, Annex 2) accordingly as follows: -

10. Every customer entering or re-entering the premises will be searched with a metal detector wand by an SIA registered door supervisor and this is to be carried out in full view of recordable CCTV camera(s). Any person in possession of a weapon will be refused entry and the police will be called. Any person refusing to be searched or not passing a search will be refused entry. Notices stating that every customer will be searched with a metal detector wand will be displayed prominently at the entrance to the premises.

And this would now be mandatory as opposed to discretionary.

You have a right of appeal against the decision. Any appeal must be made to Manchester City Magistrates' Court, Crown Square, Manchester, M60 1PR (tel 0161 830 4200) and must be commenced within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which you were notified by the licensing authority of the decision, as provided for in Section 181 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The decision of the Licensing Sub-committee will not have effect until the end of the period allowed for appeal, or until any appeal is disposed of. Any interim steps taken will remain in force over these periods.

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned on.

Yours faithfully

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