

## 25. Licence Reviews

25.1 The Act sets out the arrangements to enable a review of a premises licence or club certificate where it is alleged that the licensing objectives are not being promoted. This arrangement will follow an application from a responsible authority or an interested party. The Section 182 guidance will be used to ensure that all matters for review are considered appropriately. The process shall not be subject to abuse by disaffected parties. Matters for consideration must be relevant, and not vexatious, frivolous or repetitious.

However, matters involving the following may be considered as serious shortcomings by the licensing sub-committee at their hearings:

- Use of licensed premises for the sale and distribution of Class A drugs and/or the laundering of the proceeds of drug crimes.
- Use of licensed premises for the sale and/or distribution of firearms.
- Evasion of copyright in respect of “pirated” films and music.
- Underage purchase and/or consumption of alcohol.
- Use of licensed premises for prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography.
- Use of licensed premises for unlawful gaming.
- Use of licensed premises as a base for organised criminal activity.
- The closure of the premises by a senior police officer, or an environmental health officer due to noise nuisance.
- Use of licensed premises for the organisation of racist, homophobic or sexual abuse or attacks.
- Use of licensed premises for the sale of illicit tobacco or goods or where duties / tax has not been paid on goods.
- The use of licensed premises for the sale of stolen goods.
- Where the police are frequently called to attend to incidents of disorder.
- Prolonged and/or repeated instances of public nuisance.
- Where serious risks to public safety have been identified, and the management is unable or unwilling to correct those.

- Where serious risks to children have been identified e.g. repeat underage sales.
- Significant or repetitive breaches of licence conditions/licensing law.
- Failure to act on previous warnings / advice / uncooperative attitude towards authorised officers.
- The location of a premises and the risk this poses to the licensing objectives.
- Premises found to be involved in immigration offences

25.2 Where the licensing authority determines on review that the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, the licensing authority will seriously consider revocation of the licence or certificate, even in the first instance.