




**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING
MEMBERS' RECORD OF DETERMINATION**

CLUB 124 – QUEENSWAY BLETCHLEY

6 SEPTEMBER 2021

Constitution of the Sub-Committee:	Councillors Exon and Rolfe	
Chair	Councillor McLean	
Legal Advisor:	Meurig Tiley	
Committee Manager:	Dino Imbimbo	
Licensing Officers:	Ed Fisher	Senior Practitioner
	Simon Teesdale	Licensing and Business Manager
Applicant	Mr Christopher McManus	
Applicants Representative:	N/A	
Also Present:	Inspecting Officer D Bettles-Hill (Bucks Fire Service)	
Documentation:	Report of the Senior Practitioner and documentation.	
Apologies:	None	
Disclosures of Interest:	None	

1. Reason for Hearing

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The Senior Practitioner advised the Sub-Committee that a hearing was necessary to determine an application for a New Premises Licence for Club 124, Queensway, Bletchley.

Since Publication of the Agenda all outstanding representations had been resolved and there were therefore no live objections to the application, however the Sub-Committee were still in a position to review the proposed operating arrangements for the premises as their discretion had been engaged by the arranged hearing.

The Sub-Committee had undertaken a Site Inspection on 6 September 2021

2. Considerations

The Sub-Committee noted that the Fire Service had issued a Prohibition Notice as the premises did not benefit from an operative fire alarm. Following an agreed condition with the Fire Authority the Sub-Committee could grant the application but there could be no licensable activities until suitable fire safety precautions were in place including a fire alarm. The condition on the licence could only be discharged with a written notice to the Licensing Authority from the Fire Authority. The Applicant told the Sub-Committee that he was working with the landlord to have an appropriate system installed.

It was further noted that a number of conditions were agreed to be appended to the licence to address other concerns that had been raised. The Sub-Committee welcomed the proposed conditions and the willingness of the applicant to engage with the Licensing Authority to resolve all representations and concerns. It was however recognised that the conditions were in a draft form and would require further clarification to remove certain elements of ambiguity.

3. Decision

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the evidence before it, including the applicant's comments and the representations from Responsible Authorities and resolved:

1. That the application for the new Premises Licence be granted subject to the conditions and restrictions as detailed in the report and supporting Annexes.
2. A final version of the conditions to be appended to this decision notice after drafting by the Licensing Officer on behalf of the Committee.

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4. Reasons

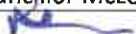
The Sub-Committee carefully considered the submission from the applicant and representations on this matter.

It noted that the representations had been overcome by conditions and that the premises would not be able to trade due to the Fire Service Prohibition Order until all the requirements in respect of fire safety had been resolved

5. Appeal

An appeal must be commenced by notice of appeal given by the applicant or persons who made a relevant representation to the designated officer for the Magistrates' Court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the applicant was notified by the Sub-Committee of the decision appealed against.

Should they choose to appeal this decision, they are advised to seek independent legal advice prior to doing so.

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Annex 21- Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

1. There shall be no adult entertainment or services; activities or other entertainment or matters ancillary to use of the premises that give rise to concerns in respect of children
2. Door supervisor duties will include proactively preventing drink driving and escorting patrons to Taxis as well as encouraging Members and guests to leave quietly.
3. The premises will not accept £50 notes and there will be procedures such as UV light to check the legitimacy of other notes.
4. Intoxicated members and or their guest will be declined entry
5. All instances of crime or disorder shall be reported to the Police without delay
6. The maximum occupancy of the premises shall be 90 persons including staff
7. Crime prevention notices shall be displayed in a prominent place within the premises
8. A personal licence holder shall always be on site when the premises is open
9. Appropriate Public Liability Insurance will be in place
10. Recommended taxi and chauffeur operators will be in place and a dedicated phone number available for taxi operators.
11. There will be sufficient seating for all members on site to be seated
12. Music shall be background levels only
13. Signage shall be displayed requiring patrons to leave the premises and area quietly
14. The last entry time to the premises for a Member shall be 23:00hrs on any night
15. Local residents and businesses shall be given an effective contact phone number to report any issues
16. The premises shall undertake a weekly litter pick of the immediate outside area weekly
17. Any bottle bins shall be stored to be inaccessible to patrons
18. No internal lighting shall be visible from the outside of the premises
19. Licensable activities are authorised in accordance with the attached licensed plan

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20. All members and guests will be clear of the premises by the closing time specified on any night
21. An effective 'Challenge 25' policy shall be implemented and maintained in place at the premises. Any persons appearing to be under the age of 25 who attempts to enter the venue or purchase alcohol must be challenged in respect of their age and will be required to provide adequate proof that they are aged 18 years or over.
22. Only photographic based forms of identification shall be accepted as proof of age. These must be accredited to the PASS scheme or subsequent equivalent but could also include passport, HM forces ID card, driving licence, national ID card.
23. A refusal log to record all attempts to enter the premises or purchase alcohol that were refused shall be recorded and kept on site. The log shall be checked, and counter signed by the Designated Premises Supervisor on a regular basis and shall be provided to the Police, the Local Authority or the Licensing Authority on request.

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Annex 9 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

- 3.1 The premises may not be used for licensable activities until the Fire Authority have confirmed in writing to the Licensing Authority that their public safety concerns have been addressed and the premises are suitably protected.
- 3.2 The premises shall operate as a Members only premises with one guest allowed per member on any entry to the venue. Membership shall be via application and there will be a club constitution in place. There shall be no entry without valid ID. Valid ID shall be membership card and valid photo ID (DVLA driving licence or passport) for members, and valid photo ID (DVLA driving licence or passport) for non-members. A guest log shall be maintained for non-members, noting the date, name, and address of each guest. Members and guests will be required to comply with the constitution. Members will need to provide a residential address and appropriate ID as part of an application process.
- 3.3 The premises shall operate with door supervisors every evening from 20:00hrs. Door staff shall be clearly recognisable in terms of their clothing. A door supervisor register will be maintained detailing the names and licence number of all those working on what dates and what shifts. There shall be a minimum of one door supervisor on duty on Sunday to Thursday nights and a minimum of 2 door supervisors on duty on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 3.4 A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained at the premises covering all internal areas, the entrance, all stairways and the external area including the car park. All CCTV images shall be retained for a minimum of 31 days. All images shall be of an evidential standard and date and time stamped. Recordings shall be made available upon request of the Police, Licensing Authority or Local Authority to view or remove for evidential purposes. Relevant staff are to be trained and able to use the system.
- 3.5 There shall be a no drugs policy including information to this effect in toilet areas. Security staff shall be trained to recognise signs of drug use. A record of this training shall be maintained on site and shall be made available to the Police or Licensing Authority upon request
- 3.6 Staff shall be appropriately trained on the law relating to alcohol supply. A record of this training shall be kept on site and shall be made available to the Police or Licensing Authority upon request
- 3.7 No alcohol can be brought into the premises by patrons. No alcohol shall be allowed to be removed from the internal area of the premises.
- 3.8 A secure storage facility shall be maintained for confiscated drugs.
- 3.9 No under 18s shall be allowed on the premises. There shall always be a member of staff trained in Challenge 25 on duty checking members and guests age and identification whilst the premises are open.

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- 3.10 An adequately stocked first aid kit shall be maintained at the premises and there shall be an appropriately trained first aider on site when the premises are open.
- 3.11 Late Night refreshment does not include hot food (only hot drinks) and the premises shall not serve substantial meals
- 3.12 The Constitution at condition 3.2 will be submitted to the Licensing Authority for validation
- 3.13 The Licence holder will ensure the premises is maintained in a safe condition including provision of a fire alarm, a minimum of 4 extinguishers: a fire evacuation strategy and provision of appropriate signage. All exit doors will be easily operable, regularly checked and stairways adequately lit. All seating shall be fire retardant. Notices shall be prominently displayed detailing the action to be taken in the event of a fire. Appropriate emergency lighting shall be in place. The fixed electrical installation and all appliances shall be maintained in a safe condition and subject to appropriate testing. Appropriate testing regimes shall be in place for safety equipment (for example fire alarm and emergency lighting testing)
- 3.14 All staff will be required to have an adequate basic Criminal Record check to be employed. Factors to be considered will include convictions for theft, violence, drugs or alcohol related matters.
- 3.15 Adequate air conditioning shall be installed and maintained at the premises. This will be operated when necessary when the premises are open for licensable activities
- 3.16 Refuse bins shall be cleaned and emptied at least weekly

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