

NAME OF PREMISES: NEWS AND BOOZE, BOROUGH ROAD, BIRKENHEAD

NAME OF APPLICANT: TRADING STANDARDS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application for the review of a Premises Licence under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

2.0 RELEVANT BACKGROUND

2.1 News and Booze currently have a Premises Licence to allow the following Licensable Activity:

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Saturday	08:00 to 22:00
Sunday	10:00 to 22:00

Hours Open to the Public

Sunday to Saturday	07:00 to 22:00
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2.2 A copy of the Premises Licence setting out the above hours and conditions attached to the Licence is available.

2.3 The Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee may, having regard to the application for review and any relevant representations, take such of the following steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- Modify the Conditions of the Licence.
- Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the Licence.
- Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- Suspend the Licence for a period not exceeding three months.
- Revoke the Licence.

The licensing authority may decide that no action is necessary if it finds that the review does not require it to take any steps necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

3.0 APPLICATION

3.1 An application has been received from Trading Standards to review the Premises Licence for the premises known as News and Booze. The Trading Standards Manager has advised that the grounds for review are in relation to the protection of children from harm following the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 years during two test purchase operations at the premises since the licence was granted in February 2008.

3.2 Further information to support the above grounds for review is included within the application which is available.

3.3 There have been no representations received from interested parties or from the following Responsible Authorities:

Wirral Area Child Protection Committee
Environmental Health
Fire Authority
Planning Authority
Merseyside Police

4.0 FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications and my existing Licensing staff will deal with this application.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The premises are located in the Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward.

8.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Article 6 and Article 1 of the First Protocol which is concerned with the protection of property is most likely to have a particular impact.

9.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Effective control of Licensing Legislation can assist in raising standards and improve the perception of community safety.

10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no planning implications arising from this report.

11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Application form applying to review a Premises Licence.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee are asked to consider the application for the review of a Premises Licence in respect of the above premises.

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