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## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING PANEL**

**Tuesday 11th March 2025**

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)  
Councillor Jane Rylah  
Councillor Donna Bellamy

In attendance: Tahir Hanif, Legal Advisor to the Panel  
Richard Woodhead,  
West Yorkshire Police Licensing Officer  
Jason Bethell, West Yorkshire Trading Standards  
Craig Heywood, Licensing Officer  
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer

**1 Membership of the Panel**

All Panel Members were in attendance.

**2 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**3 Admission of the Public**

All agenda items were considered in public.

**4 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**5 Public Question Time**

No public questions were asked.

**6 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the review of a premises licence for Dubai Stores, 1 -3 Willow Lane, Huddersfield, HD1 6EB**

The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the review of a premises licence for Dubai Stores, 1-3 Willow Lane, Huddersfield, HD1 6EB.

The Licensing Officer advised the Panel that on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025, West Yorkshire Police made an application for the review of a premises licence for Dubai Stores, under Section 1 of the Licensing Act, 2003. The applicant believed that that the licensing objectives in respect of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, and the Protection of Children from Harm were not being met.

The Panel were informed that since the review application was received from West Yorkshire Police, the premises license had been transferred to the husband of the previous license holder.

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PC Richard Woodhead, West Yorkshire Police, advised the Panel that on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 a test purchase operation was carried out where alcohol was sold to persons under the age of 18. On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024, a test purchase operation was carried out by West Yorkshire Police on behalf of West Yorkshire Trading Standards where illegal cigarettes were purchased from the premises.

On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, West Yorkshire Trading Standards and West Yorkshire Police carried out a search of the premises where more illegal cigarettes and tobacco products were found, along with a variety of out-of-date stock including milk formula. The shop assistant also informed West Yorkshire Police that they were paid £55 per eight-hour shift indicating that employment law had also been broken.

The Panel were advised that this constituted three serious breaches of the Licensing Objectives in the last 12 months.

A representative for the License Holder translated and informed the Panel that the illegal tobacco found on the premises did not belong to the License Holder but had been left there by someone who was planning on returning for the items, and that the License Holder was unaware that the vapes were illegal. The representative also advised that the milk formula had been delivered from a trusted warehouse in Manchester, and that the License Holder had not noticed it was out of date, and that the wage of the shop assistant at £55 for eight hours was incorrect, as they were paid £55 for a five-hour shift.

Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel, in reaching its decision, had due regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act.

The Panel determined that the Licensing Objectives in respect of Public Safety, Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Harm to Children were not being achieved at the premises and therefore revoking the license was appropriate and proportionate in all the circumstances, due to the disregard of the license holder to the aforementioned licensing objectives.

Having considered all the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Panel determined as follows:

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Premises License in respect of Dubai Stores, 1-3 Willow Lane, Huddersfield, HD1 6EB, be revoked.