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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)
Councillor Zarina Amin
Councillor Alex Vickers

In attendance: Tahir Hanif, Senior Legal Officer
Steve Mycroft, Licensing Officer
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
Richard Woodhead, West Yorkshire Police

68 Membership of the Panel
No apologies were received.

69 Minutes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

70 Declaration of Interests
No interests were declared.

71 Admission of the Public
It was noted that the agenda item relating to agenda item 7 (Minute No.74 refers) contained exempt information by virtue of paragraph 1 (information relating to an individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

72 Deputations/Petitions
No deputations or petitions were received.

73 Exclusion of the Public
RESOLVED – That acting under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as specifically stated in the undermentioned minute.

74 Licensing Act 2003 - Review of a Personal Licence
The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Review of a Personal Licence.

West Yorkshire Police attended the hearing and presented their case in support of the Review, which sought revocation. West Yorkshire Police advised the Panel that

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they had become aware that the Personal Licence Holder had been convicted of a criminal offence that had not been disclosed to the relevant authorities.

The Licence Holder was not in attendance at the hearing, did not provide a written response and had not engaged with Licensing Officers.

Having considered all the information, and in reaching its decision, the Panel 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 therefore determined that:

The Licence Holder was convicted of a relevant offence within the meaning of Schedule 4 of the Licensing Act 2003, namely a serious offence relating to drugs.

The Panel placed significant weight on the serious nature of the offence, the intentional and organised elements of criminal conduct, and the scale and potential harm associated with the offence which was reflected in the custodial sentence imposed.

The Panel concluded that conduct of such nature was fundamentally incompatible with the responsibilities and expectations placed upon a Personal Licence Holder who occupied a position of responsibility and trust in relation to the control and sale of alcohol.

The Panel noted the lack of engagement from the Licence Holder, together with their failure to notify the Magistrates' Court that they held a Personal Licence, and to inform the Licensing Authority of their conviction. In light of this, the Panel determined that revocation was a necessary and proportionate step to promote the licensing objectives, in particular the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of Public Safety.

RESOLVED - that the application for the review of a Personal Licence, which sought revocation, was upheld and that the Personal Licence be revoked.