

LICENSING PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2012

PRESENT:- Councillors Rex Barnett, Vera Tomlinson and David Wren

96. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Vera Tomlinson Chair this meeting of the Panel.
(Councillor Tomlinson took the Chair.)

97. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

98. Application for a Premises Licence for the Istanbul Market, 123 Manchester Road, Swindon

The Panel considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Officer setting out an application for a Premises Licence for 123 Manchester Road, Swindon, (b) additional information from the Council's Licensing Officer concerning the application which had been deferred from a meeting of the Council held on 16th December 2011, in order to allow the applicant to receive additional legal advice and allow for a translator to be in attendance, (c) a written submission from Wiltshire Constabulary, (d) a written objection to the grant of a Premises Licence received from the Council's Trading Standards Team, (e) in the absence of the applicant, who was believed to be residing in Coventry, or any representative, the Panel sought clarification on a number of points from the Council's Licensing Officer, (f) questions from Members and the answers received, and (g) the Council's procedure for licensing hearings, Government Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy.

Resolved – That, having carefully considering the evidence before it the Panel determined that the application for a Premises Licence for the premises at 123 Manchester Road be refused.

Reasons

1. The Panel determined that the evidence of criminal activity at the premises provided by the Council's Trading Standards Team was compelling.
2. The Panel noted neither the applicant nor any representative had provided any evidence to contradict the evidence submitted by the Council's Trading Standards Team.
3. The Panel determined that the premises had been used for activities that breached the Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective.
4. The Panel determined that no evidence had been provided to show that the management of 123 Manchester Road had any measures in place to change the current culture at the premises.

