

The Blue Rooms, 1 York Buildings, Bath and North East Somerset Council

Application for Summary Review

Licensing (Gambling and Licensing) Sub Committee

15 January 2013

Conditions

1. All persons entering the premises will be searched for drugs, weapons or other illegal items on both entry or re-entry.
2. Any persons refusing to be searched will not be permitted to enter the premises.
3. A female Door Supervisor will be employed at all times the premises are open to the public.
4. A minimum of 8 Door Supervisors on Thursdays and 6 Door Supervisors on all other days, from opening to closing, will be employed at all times the premises are open to the public.
5. CCTV monitors will be watched at all times the premises are open. The person monitoring the CCTV will be in radio contact at all times the premises are open with a member of Door Staff and will report any illegal activity they see to the Door Supervisor.
6. The premises licence holder will invite the Crime Prevention Officer, from Avon and Somerset Constabulary, to the premises to advise on any measures needed regarding the use, prevention and supply of drugs.
7. Checks will be made of the male and female toilets on the premises every 15 minutes by Door Supervisors while the premises are open.

Whilst it is not possible to impose the following as a condition, the premises licence holder was informed that it would be expected that 3 Door Supervisors would be present at the entrance to the premises at all times the premises are open to the public.

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Decision and Reasons

Members have today determined interim steps to be taken following an application made by the Avon and Somerset Constabulary for a summary review of a premises licence of The Blue Rooms, 1 York Buildings, Bath.

In doing so they have taken into consideration the Licensing Act 2003, Statutory Guidance, the Home Office Guidance on Summary Reviews, the Council's Policy and the Human Rights Act 1998.

The application was made on the basis of concerns of serious crime in respect of drug dealing on the premises and a number of arrests had been made and charges laid in the Magistrates' Court.

The Members listened carefully to the representations made by the Police, the premises licence holder and his agent and manager.

Members did only what was necessary to promote the licensing objectives in light of the representations made to them today. They decided that it was necessary and proportionate to take interim steps in the form of imposing conditions on the licence in order to ensure that the management and operation of the premises could be immediately improved in light of the representations made by the Police on serious crime.

Members noted that the premises licence holder had not been made aware of the supply, use and possession of drugs prior to the service of the review and had made genuine attempts to improve matters.

They decided not to suspend the licence but do want to send a strong message that the supply, use and possession of drugs will not be tolerated.