

TITLE OF REPORT: **Application to vary a premises licence to nominate an individual as the Designated Premises Supervisor:**
168-170 Sheriffs Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD

REPORT OF: **Strategic Director; Economy Innovation and Growth:**
Licensing Officer

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Sub-Committee is asked to consider an application from Mr Farhad Jamnejad to vary the premises licence for 168-170 Sheriffs Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD to nominate himself as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).

The application has been brought before the Sub-committee due a representation /objection made by Northumbria Police.

2. BACKGROUND

On 12 October 2018 a premises licence was granted for 168-170 Sheriff Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD following an application from Mr Farhad Jamnejad. Mr Jamnejad applied to be the premises licence holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)

On 2 August 2019 an application to vary the premises licence to nominate Amer Idris Paul as the DPS was submitted. Northumbria Police did not object and the application was therefore granted.

As a result of a premises licence inspection by Licensing on the 13 June 2022 it was discovered that Mr Paul no longer worked at the premises. Mr Jamnejad was given advice and later that day he submitted an application to nominate himself as the DPS. Northumbria Police objected to the application.

Mr Jamnejad has recently advised Licensing that the premises address is 170 Sheriff Highway with 168 Sheriff Highway being residential accommodation. The premises is known as Sheriff Highway Stores.

The Application

The application submitted by Mr Farhad Jamnejad ('Applicant') to nominate himself as the DPS for 168-170 Sheriff Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD is attached as Appendix 1.

Representation

Northumbria Police objected to the application on the grounds the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder would be undermined. The objection is attached as Appendix 2.

Parties

The Parties to the hearing will be:

- a) The Applicant, Mr Farhad Jamnejad
- b) Northumbria Police.

3. FOR CONSIDERATION

The areas for consideration by the Sub-Committee are:

- The vary DPS application; and
- The representation.

4. THE POLICY

When carrying out its functions the Sub-Committee must have regard to:

- (a) the Statement of Gateshead Council's Licensing Policy,
- (b) the Licensing Act 2003
- (c) the Amended Guidance (April 2018) issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State.

Some parts of the Policy and Amended Guidance are reproduced in Appendices 3 and 4. The parties may refer to the policy and guidance during the hearing.

5. FOR DECISION

The Licensing Authority may, having regard to the application, take the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

- Grant the application; or
- Refuse the application.

APPENDICES

Appendix	1	Application to vary the Premises Licence to nominate an individual as the Designated Premises Supervisor
Appendix	2	Representation from Northumbria Police
Appendix	3	Relevant Extracts from Gateshead Council's Licensing Policy
Appendix	4	Relevant Extracts from the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003