

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Licensing Standards Officers Report

Licensing Board Review Hearing: 14 June 2011

Premises: Ahmad Bros

Premises Licence Number: WDLBPREM 0170

Address: 122 Barns Street, Clydebank. G81 1RB

Premises Licence Holder: Firm of Ahmad Bros.

Designated Premises Manager (DPM): Mohammad Rafiq Ahmad

Introduction/Background

This report is provided under section 38 (4) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 following a request for a review of the premises licence by Strathclyde Police.

The application for a review of the Premises Licence of the above premises cites the prevention of crime and disorder objective, therefore information relating to the operation of this premises since the transition period of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 is included, focussing on the area of age related sales and the procedures relating to the sale of age restricted products.

Premises History

The Premises has received two compliance visits under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The first inspection on 19 October 2009 reports that the premises were fully compliant with all aspects of the legislation relevant to their operation. It should be noted that this premises was congratulated for achieving a high level of compliance, given that the legislation was in its infancy at that time.

The second compliance visit, arranged in relation to the current review application also revealed that the premises continue to be fully compliant with the legislation. Further to this, the premises appear to afford greater than normal attention to ensuring that all documentation relating to the operation of their legislation is retained in a manner that allows for efficient scrutiny regardless of whether or not a manager is on the premises.

The premise has been visited on three other occasions by Licensing Standards Officers. The nature of these visits was merely advice and guidance and as such is not relevant to this report.

Matters Relevant to Age Restricted Sales

The premises are run by the Ahmad Family, namely Mohammad Rafiq Ahmad and his two sons. All of the Ahmad family members are Personal Licence Holders. They

employ one member of staff, who has been trained to the required level by a personal licence holder. A training booklet and Certificate for this staff member was available for inspection.

The premises policy is to only accept Passports and Full UK Driving Licences for the purposes of proof of age. This is supplemented by a Challenge 25 policy, evidenced on the premises via signage at the point of sale.

The premises have a refusals book in operation however no entries were recorded within it. It was communicated by the staff that they rarely get any refusals, as most people in the area are believe that the premises is well run.

It was reported at the time of visit that the incident that led to this review occurred due to the member of staff in question being distracted due to bereavement therefore no new procedures have been introduced as a result of this failure.

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