Report for: Licensing Sub Committee 23rd November 2026

Item number: 7

Title: Consideration of a review of a premises licence at The Village Square, 117 Archway Road, Highgate, London, N6 5BL

authorised by: Daliah Barrett-Licensing Team Leader – Regulatory Services.

Ward(s) affected: Highgate
Report for Key/ Non-Key Decision: Not applicable

1. **Describe the issue under consideration.**

1.1 An application has been received from Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief Officer of Metropolitan Police, for a Review of the premises licence at The Village Square, 177 Archway Road, London N6, as the premises has been associated with serious crime.

1.2 The relevant provisions within the Licensing Act 2003 allow a quick process for attaching interim conditions to a licence and a fast track licence review when the police consider that the premises concerned is associated with serious crime or serious disorder, or both.

1.3 The Act requires expedited premises licence review applications to be considered within 48 hours, pending a full hearing of the issues within 28 days of the date that the application was served.

1.4 The application:

1.5 On 30th October the Council received an application for an expedited review of the premises licence in respect of The Village Square as they consider it necessary to take interim steps pending determination of the review of the premises licence. The details of the association of the above premises with serious crime, is attached at Appendix A and the relevant certificate is attached at Appendix B. The matter is now subject to a full review consideration.

1.6 Background.

The Village Square is located along Archway Road at the end of a terrace with residential properties above. The premises is promoted as a bar with karaoke and a nightclub. The Premises Licence allows for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment as well as Late night refreshment. A copy of the existing licence is attached at App B.

1.7 Details of Premises Licence:

Supply of Alcohol
Provision of Late Night Refreshment
Regulated Entertainment: Live Music & Recorded Music

The times the Licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

Supply of Alcohol
Sunday to Thursday 1700 to 0030
Friday and Saturday 1700 to 0230
Recorded Music
Sunday to Thursday 1700 to 0030
Friday and Saturday 1700 to 0230

Live Music
Sunday to Thursday 2100 to 0030
Fridays and Saturday 2100 to 0230
Provision of Late Night Refreshment
Sunday to Thursday 2300 to 0030
Friday and Saturday 2300 to 0230
Licensable activities Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until 0230

The opening hours of the premises:
Sunday to Thursday 1700 to 0100
Friday and Saturday 1700 to 0300
Opening hours Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until 0300

Supply of alcohol for consumption ON the premises only.

1.7 The current Premises Licence for The Village Square is held by Mr Onuiri. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Mr Onuiri, who holds a Personal Licence issued by Haringey Council.

1.8 Without prejudice, the officer would like to draw to Members' attention to issues that they may wish to consider:

1.9 The premises was recently subject to a review hearing brought by a resident fur to ongoing issues on noise nuisance and anti social behaviour from patrons of the venue. The review was supported by the Noise and Nuisance RA and the Police, ward councillors and other residents.

1.10 The Licensing Sub Committee determined to revoke the licence following issues of crime and disorder highlighted by the police.

1.11 Mr Onuiri has lodged an appeal at Highbury Magistrates Court against the Councils decision to revoke the licence. This matter is tabled to be heard in March 2027. The venue has been able to operate as normal until the matter has been determined by the Magistrates. A copy of the resolution is attached at App C.

1.12 Interim steps meeting
On 2nd November 2026, the Licensing Sub Committee considered whether interim steps were necessary in light of the application for summary review. In order to promote the Licensing Objectives, specifically the prevention of crime and disorder. The Licensing Sub Committee suspended the premises licence with immediate effect under Section 53B (3) (d) of the Licensing Act until the full review has been determined. The premises licence holder and the Met Police were also informed of the suspension by email on 02nd November 2026. A copy of the decision letter is attached at Appendix D.

2 Recommendation

2.1 The purpose of this hearing is to decide what steps the licensing sub-committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and to decide whether the interim licence suspension ceases to have effect altogether or becomes the subject of any steps which it considers are appropriate when making its determination on the review. The steps the licensing authority can take are:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence;
- the suspension of the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; And
- the revocation of the licence.

3 Policy

3.1 Powers of a licensing authority

3.2 The decision should be made having regard to the Secretary of State's guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. Where the decision departs from either the Guidance or the Policy, clear and cogent reasons must be given. Members should be aware that if such a departure is made the risk of appeal / challenge is increased.

3.3 The licensing authority's determination of this application is subject to a 21-day appeal period or, if the decision is appealed, the date the appeal is determined and/or disposed of.

4. Other considerations

4.1 **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998** states:

> *"Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area."*

5. Human Rights

While all Convention Rights must be considered, those which are of particular relevance to the application are:

- Article 8 – Right to respect for private and family life;
- Article 1 of the First Protocol – Protection of Property;
- Article 6(1) – Right to a fair hearing;
- Article 10 – Freedom of Expression.

6 Use of Appendices

Review application from – Met Police- App A
Copy of Premises Licence - App B
Copy of previous review resolution- App C
Copy of Interim Steps resolution - App D