

## REGULATORY COMMITTEE

*At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 22 September 2009 in the Committee Room 1, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Drakeley, D. Inch, A. Lowe and Nelson

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Howard, Murray, E. Ratcliffe and Wainwright (Cllr B Bryant declared an interest in this item to avoid any allegation of bias and did not attend)

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary and J. Tully

Also in attendance: Mr & Mrs Houlgrave, Mr Baines, Mrs O'Keeffe and 3 members of the public.

### ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

REG4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – STENHILLS NEWS AND CONVENIENCE STORE 72 – 74 PICTON AVENUE RUNCORN

*Action*

The Committee met to consider an application for a Premise Licence at Stenhills News 72 – 74 Picton Avenue Runcorn

An application had been made for a premises licence to allow an off licence at Stenhills News by Mr B Houlgrave. Mr G Baines as a person living in the vicinity of the premises made representations against the application.

At the hearing, the Committee were addressed by the applicant Mr B Houlgrave and his wife Mrs Houlgrave and by the objector Mr G Baines who was assisted by Alison O'Keeffe.

The procedure to be followed was explained and the parties put their cases in accordance with it. The Committee asked a number of questions of the parties and retired to

consider the matter.

RESOLVED: That having considered the application in accordance with section 4 Licensing Act 2003 and all other relevant considerations the Committee decided that the application be granted subject to the following condition

**“Challenge 21**

The licence holder shall ensure that anyone who appears to be under 21years of age and who attempts to purchase alcohol will be asked to prove their age. Accepted methods of proof of age are: passports, photo driving licences and PASS accredited proof of age cards e.g. Validate, Connexions, Citizen Card, Prove It Card. If any such person fails to satisfy the licence holder by means of such proof of age that they are 18 years old or older that person shall be refused the sale of alcohol”

Reason for the condition – The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm

Note: The Police conditions as set out in the Committee item was agreed prior to hearing and would be included within the premises licence.

The reason for the determination was that the Committee felt that the application was consistent with the Licensing Objectives.

*Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.*