

ISLINGTON COUNCIL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE A **DECISION FORM**

Licensing Sub Committee A - 30 December 2019

SUMMARY REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE AT ORLEANS, 259 - 261 SEVEN SISTERS ROAD, N4 2DD UNDER SECTION 53A OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

DECISION

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered whether it was necessary to take interim steps pending a full licence review. The Sub-Committee took into account the oral and written representations from the police.

The Sub-Committee decided to suspend the licence of Orleans, 259 – 261 Seven Sisters Road, N4 2DD with immediate effect, for a period of 28 days, as an interim measure pending a full review hearing.

REASONS FOR DECISION

There had been an incident of serious crime and disorder perpetrated by the venue door staff, whose violent assault with a weapon on a member of the public, was captured on CCTV. The door staff have been arrested for the offences by the police. Another member of the public flagged down a passing police vehicle and the police called an ambulance. No member of staff at the venue contacted the emergency services and the police advised the committee that the venue staff appeared to have attempted to clean the blood from the crime scene.

The police spoke to the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) some days after the incident to ascertain what measures had been put in place following the incident and the DPS confirmed that no measures had been put in place and they had not spoken to the venue staff in relation to the incident.

The Licensing Sub-Committee also heard from police that this most recent serious incident is not the first occurrence of a serious act of violence this year to which the venue have failed to respond appropriately. It was also noted that the venue have failed to adequately engage with council officers who have raised concerns about prior licence breaches.

Accountability ultimately lies with the premises licence holder/designated premises supervisor. The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the only way that the serious management failings could be contained and further serious incidents avoided in the interim, pending a full review of the licence, was to suspend the licence with immediate effect.