

ISLINGTON COUNCIL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DECISION FORM

Licensing Sub-Committee A – 12 August 2016

Fabric Nightclub, 77A Charterhouse Street, EC1

DECISION

The licensing authority received an application for a summary review under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on the 10 August 2016.

The Licensing Sub-Committee has considered whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending the determination of the review.

The Sub-Committee have decided to suspend the licence of Fabric Nightclub, 77A Charterhouse Street, EC1, as an interim step and with immediate effect, pending a full review hearing.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The licensing Sub-Committee has made this decision for the following reasons:-

- The licensing authority gave the holder of the premises licence the opportunity to make representations but the authority was notified that Fabric did not intend to challenge the application by the MPS for suspension as an interim step.
- The parties did not put forward any proposals to modify the conditions of the premises licence and in view of the serious crime associated with the premises it was not appropriate or proportionate for the Sub-Committee to consider any other interim step.
- There is serious crime associated with the premises, as set out in the review application form and the supporting evidence submitted by MPS.
- The Sub-Committee noted that the serious crime associated with the premises relates to the supply of Class A drugs within the venue.
- The Sub-Committee noted, in particular, the deaths of two young people who are alleged to have purchased Class A drugs, namely MDMA, from within the premises.
- The Sub-Committee note that MPS contend that Fabric represents a serious risk to its patrons. In accordance with paragraph 9.12 of the Home Office guidance, the Licensing Sub-Committee accepted the representations made by the Police.
- The Sub-Committee notes that the MPS sought a review of the premises licence in December 2014 in relation to the use of drugs associated with the premises. At that time, the Sub-Committee considered that the licensing objectives could be promoted by the imposition of additional conditions to the licence. However, the fact that there had been a previous review which has not addressed the issues of serious crime at the premises, it is therefore appropriate and proportionate to impose a suspension.
- The Sub-Committee are satisfied that the suspension of the licence will promote the licensing objective for the prevention of crime and disorder.

