

## **LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026**

**Present:** Cllrs Derek Beer (Chair), Jane Somper and Sarah Williams

**Also present:** Hardish Purewall (Licensing - Tesco), Ben Smith (Store Manager – Tesco)

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

Lara Altree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Kathryn Miller (Senior Licensing Officer) and Joshua Kennedy (Democratic and Governance Officer)

**Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):**

**7. Election of Chair and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Somper.

**Decision:**

To elect Cllr Beer as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

**8. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received at the meeting.

**9. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

**10. Application for a New Premises Licence for Tesco Express, Wimborne Chase, Wimborne, BH21 4HW**

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined the report. New premises license for Tesco express. An application had been made for a new premises licence for Tesco Express, Local Centre, Wimborne Chase, Wimborne. The application had been out to public consultation. Representations had been received.

Hardish Purewall spoke for Tesco and explained what the potential store would look like in terms of the number of 'mods' that held alcohol, the number of employees that would be working at the store, and when the recruitment would start. It was highlighted that if there were any neighbourhood groups the store intended to join in to prevent any issues to quell any issues and ensure longevity. It was ensured that guidance and support would be given to local retailers regarding the sale of alcohol and that they would support young people in

preventing alcohol from becoming apart of their daily life. Confirmation was given that training would be given every two months which covered how to spot people already intoxicated and how to approach those situations.

A question was raised regarding security on site, to which the response was that the risk assessment had not yet been completed, and security would only be considered once completed.

Concern was raised regarding whether the on-duty manager could be contacted, to which the representatives replied that someone would be available from opening through to closing and problems could be raised with them for discussion.

**Decision:**

To GRANT the Premises Licence with the usual mandatory conditions and conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule.

**11. Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

**12. Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

**Duration of meeting:** 12.30 - 12.51 pm

**Chairman**

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