



**Licensing Sub-Committee  
Licensing Act 2003 Section 53A – B application for Summary Review (Interim Steps)  
Decision Notice**

**Applicant(s):** Dorset Police

**Premises:** Actors, 3-7 Maiden Street Weymouth Dorset DT4 8BB

**Premises Licence No:** WPPL0293

**Premises Licence Holder:** Darya Ltd

**Sub Committee members:** Cllrs L Fry (Chairman), J Andrews, E Parker

**Summary of the Application**

An application for a Summary Review was submitted by Dorset Police on 15 December 2021. The application form and certificate included a statement from a senior officer of police that in their opinion the premises were associated with serious crime/serious disorder.

The application stated that there have been many reports of crime and disorder reported to the Police over the last 6 months. The Police also have concerns about the levels of intoxication of customers and other welfare issues associated with the premises.

A recent investigation by the Police had found drug dealing and drug use at and nearby the premises. Staff, including door supervisors had allowed known drug dealers to enter the premises. Door supervisors had seen drug use by persons who were then allowed into the premises. The investigation had found that several dealers of class A drugs were operating at the premises including a member of staff. It had also found that a weapon was in the premises with reports of another weapon. The Police were concerned that class A drugs are overwhelmingly available at, and close, to the premises and that staff at the premises are failing to act to reduce these issues and potentially contributing towards them.

The Police had visited the Premises and spoken to the DPS and staff about measures that could be taken to address the issues. Whilst some measures have been adopted, they have not been effective.

The Police considered that the failure to manage the premises appropriately to prevent serious crime and disorder posed a serious risk to public safety and requested that the Sub-Committee suspend the Premises Licence with immediate effect.

**Decision**

To suspend the Premises Licence for Actors with immediate effect, pending the full review hearing.

**Reasons for the Decision:**

The Sub-Committee considered the application, the Licensing Act 2003, in particular Sections 53A – B of that Act, the S182 Statutory Guidance relating to expedited reviews, the licensing objectives, the Dorset Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026 and all of the information presented to them today and decided as follows:

1. That given the current breach of the licensing conditions attached to the Premises Licence, the Sub-Committee was of the view that the licensing objectives would not be met by the Premises Licence Holder if the premises were to remain open.
2. The Sub-Committee considered that the premises posed a serious risk to the public and the Sub-Committee was not satisfied that there would not be another incidence of serious crime and/or serious disorder if the premises remained open.
3. The Sub-Committee believed that the interim step of suspending the premises licence pending the full expedited review hearing is a proportionate and appropriate measure to take to prevent serious crime and/or serious disorder occurring. The Sub-Committee were of the view that the other options available to them of modifying the premises licence conditions, excluding the sale of alcohol from the scope of the Premises Licence or removing the Designated Premises Supervisor would not address the issues at the premises.

**Right to Make Representations:**

The Premises Licence holder may make representations against the interim step(s) taken by the Licensing Authority.

Councillor L Fry  
Dated: 17 December 2021