

MINUTES OF: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**
HEARING UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

DATE OF MEETING: **12th January 2026**

PRESENT: **Councillors Gill (Chair), Driver and Holland**

IN ATTENDANCE: **Ms Y Ahmed, Principal Legal Advisor**
Mr M Asquith, Public Protection Officer
Police Sergeant Stephen Dundon
Miss S Chadwick, Responsible Authority RBC
Jayne Walton, Licence Holder's Representative
Geoff Smith, Interested Party
Steven Duffy, Interested Party

ALSO PRESENT: **1 Press**
Lauren Delaney, Environmental Health

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. CHAIRPERSON'S INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting and asked the members of the Sub-Committee and Council Officers to introduce themselves.

The Chair asked the Applicant, Licence Holder's Representative and other parties in attendance to introduce themselves.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

**4. APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE
AT: THE ROEBUCK, BURNLEY ROAD EAST, WATERFOOT,
ROSSENDALE, BB4 9JR**

- 4.1 The Licence Holder's Representative attended the Hearing with regard to an application to the Responsible Authority to review the premises licence for The Roebuck, Burnley Road East, Waterfoot, Rossendale, BB4 9JR.
- 4.2 The Legal Advisor outlined the legal issues surrounding the hearing.
- 4.3 All parties consented to a public hearing.
- 4.4 The Public Protection Officer presented the report.
- 4.5 The Hearing procedure was followed.
- 4.6 The Applicant presented their case and asked for the Committee to consider representations from two witnesses and a written statement from a third party.

The Committee agreed to this request and considered the evidence presented.

- 4.7 The Responsible Authority made their representation.
- 4.8 The Licence Holder's Representative presented their case.
- 4.9 Members asked questions of the Applicant, Licence Holder's Representative and the Responsible Authority.
- 4.10 All parties provided clarification.
- 4.11 The Applicant made their final statement as to why the premises licence should be reviewed.
- 4.12 The Licence Holder's Representative made their final statement.
- 4.13 The Licence Holder's Representative, the Applicant, the Responsible Authority, Interested Parties and the Public Protection Officers left the room whilst the committee deliberated.
- 4.14 The Licence Holder's Representative the Applicant, the Responsible Authority, Interested Parties and the Public Protection Officers returned to the meeting for the announcement of the decision.

5. DECISION

- 5.1 After giving consideration to all the written and verbal representations made by the Public Protection Officer, Applicant, Responsible Authority, Interested Parties and Licence Holder's Representative, and after giving proper consideration to the Licensing Objectives, the Sub-Committee, appointed under the Licensing Act 2003, decided to take the following action on the review of the premises licence for the premises under Section 51 of the 2003 Act.

Resolved:

To revoke the premises licence at The Roebuck, Burnley Road East, Waterfoot, Rossendale.

The reasons for revocation are:

The Committee was not satisfied that the DPS is able to manage the premises to a reasonable standard and in compliance with the Licensing Act 2003. The Committee also believes the DPS has a lack of understanding of the licensing regime, the licensing objectives and health and safety.

The Committee heard evidence from the Police and considered it to be reliable and credible despite the Licence Holder's Representative challenging some points. It has been proven that there has been a complete failure to implement and adhere to the conditions already in place. The Committee was also concerned that the DPS was not cooperative and forthcoming when contact was made about the issues at the premises. The Committee expects

the Licence Holder to cooperate and work together with the Police and the Responsible Authority to resolve issues.

The Police footage from (19th October 2025, 00:45am) was reviewed. The Police footage showed the business in full operation, blatant disregard of the licensing hours and customers still present and drinking in the beer garden.

It is also noted that a review hearing took place in 2022 and conditions were set. The Committee heard that 7 of the 16 conditions have not been complied with. This is unacceptable and the Committee understands enforcement action in relation to these conditions could have been considered.

The evidence regarding drug use was also of concern. The Committee were not satisfied that drug use was addressed or prevented.

Evidence from witnesses was also heard. The Committee was not satisfied that noise nuisance was being addressed by implementation of the conditions already in place.

The Committee also heard from the Licence Holder's Representative, that notice had now been served by them to end their contract at the premises, effective on the 28th February 2026. The Licence Holder's Representative explained the reasons for this were because of stress involved in running the business and difficulty in managing the business with the issues present.

The Licence was revoked.

This decision was made because the Committee were satisfied that these measures were necessary to satisfy the following licensing objectives:

- *Prevention of Crime and Disorder*
- *The prevention of public nuisance*

A determination notice would be served on all parties in due course.

There was a right of appeal for all parties before the Magistrates' Court which must be exercised within 21 days on receipt of the Decision Notice.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and finished at 1.40pm.