LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

13 DECEMBER 2019

Present: County Councillor Mackie (Chairperson)

County Councillors Sattar and Wood

26 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

27 : PERSONAL LICENCE APPLICATION

Applicant: Mrs Sian Louise Williams

Responsible Authority: Tony Bowley and Claire Dewhurst – South Wales Police

Licensing Officers

The Application

An application for the grant of a Personal Licence has been received from Mrs Sian Louise Williams.

The applicant has advised that she does not hold, nor has she applied to any other authority for a Personal Licence. She has produced all the documents required by the Licensing Act 2003. The criminal record check produced by the applicant disclosed information regarding a conviction history, details of which were circulated at the meeting.

South Wales Police have been consulted on the application and have advised that in view of the conviction history they object to a Personal Licence being granted.

Responsible Authority Objections

Claire Dewhurst outlined the details of the convictions to the Sub-Committee and it was noted that a Personal Licence has no covenant and no expiry date.

Applicant representation

The applicant explained that the incidents happened in a very difficult time in her personal life, this has taken its toll on her mentally and physically and she is trying to rebuild her life. She has been given an opportunity from her employer to progress in her current role and this required a personal licence. It was noted that her employer had sent a letter of support in this respect. The applicant stated that should she leave her current employer then she would surrender the personal licence if granted.

It was noted that in her current role there had been no issues and she has a level of responsibility already.

Claire Dewhurst noted it was great that she was rebuilding her life with support from her employer. The concerns of the South Wales Police were that the personal licence could be taken with her if she left her current employment. She added that they are governed by licensing objectives and the Licensing Act 2003 and would rather wait until the conviction is fully spent.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee having considered all the information, and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Licensing Authority's own Statement of Licensing Policy, GRANTED the Personal Licence.

28 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None received.

The meeting terminated at 12.35 pm