

**Licensing Sub-Committee hearings, under the Licensing Act 2003 – Type B  
[Re: The Police’s objection to a transfer of a premises licence, variation of  
designated premises supervisor, interim notice request or personal licence]**

<p><b>Step 1 Appointment of Chair and introduction</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee will appointment a Chair.</p> <p>The Chair will introduce the Sub-Committee, announce the item, and establish the identity of those taking part.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee will consider any requests to depart from normal procedure, such as holding a private session if it is considered to be in the public interest to do so or if a deferral/adjournment is requested for the item.</p> <p>The Chair (or Legal Adviser if asked by the Chair) will briefly outline how the hearing will proceed. However, Members may seek clarification on any issue raised during the hearing if required and if requested.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 2 Licensing Officer</b></p>	<p>The Licensing Officer will outline the report.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 3 Responsible Authorities’ Case</b></p>	<p>The Chair will invite the Police to highlight their reasons for objecting to the application as contained in the report.</p>	<p>5 minutes each</p>
<p><b>Step 4 Applicants Case</b></p>	<p>The Applicant will present their case in support of their application. Licensing Sub-Committee Members may then seek clarification on any matters raised, if necessary.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 5 Discussion</b></p>	<p>The Chair will structure and lead a discussion on the information presented and give Sub-Committee members the opportunity to seek clarification on matters raised.</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 6 Closing remarks</b></p>	<p>The Chair will ask all parties if they have any final comments to make. Any additional comments shall only be made in relation to issues raised during the discussion. Any comments made should be brief.</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 7 - Final clarification</b></p>	<p>Licensing Sub-Committee Members will have a final opportunity to seek clarification on any points raised, following which the Chair will conclude the discussion.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 8 Consideration</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee will normally withdraw to consider the evidence that has been presented to them with the Committee Officer and Legal Adviser in order that the Committee can reach a decision and obtain legal advice if required.</p> <p>The Legal Adviser will repeat any legal advice given to Members upon returning to the public hearing.</p> <p>In simple cases the Sub-Committee may not consider it necessary to retire.</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>
<p><b>Step 9 Chair announces the decision</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee will return and the Chair will announce the decision. Reasons for their decision will be given, if appropriate.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer will draw attention to any restrictions which will affect the running of the premises and provide a written record of the decision, which will be sent to the applicant.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>

The Council’s procedure rules are also incorporated into these hearing procedures in so far as it does not conflict the procedures as set out above. The Licensing Hearing Regulations can also be viewed by following the link below – <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2005/44/contents/made>