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Supporting Documentation relating to:

Coliseum, 17 Newport Street, Walsall.

4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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# Section One



**BEFORE WALSALL COUNCIL'S LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

***In relation to a summary review of a premises licence relating to:***

**VALESHA's & SAVANAH's**

(formerly, "THE COLLISEUM NIGHTLUB")

**17 Newport Street, Walsall WS1 1RZ**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF JENNIFER MELLOR**

*I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.*

Signed: 

Dated: 27 March 2023

1. I am Jennifer Mellor 60384, Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer, currently stationed at Walsall Police Station. This statement is a timeline of notifiable incidents, meetings and interactions in relation to the licensed premises at 17 Newport Street, Walsall WS1 1RZ. It is provided in relation to the summary review application made by West Midlands Police ("WMP") on 14 March 2023. The summary review was launched after the tragic homicide of a young man Mr XXXXX XXXXX who was stabbed inside the venue [REDACTED] in the early hours of Saturday 11 March 2023.
2. WMP request that the premises licence is revoked at the full review hearing on 4 April 2023 and that the interim suspension remains in place pending any appeal period.

3. The information in this statement been gained from speaking with police officers and officers of Walsall Borough Council, from researching police and external systems and from reading police officer statements. This statement incorporates all the relevant information in my earlier statement from 15 March 2023.

### Background

4. The premises previously traded as Colliseum Nightclub on the ground floor and Club X (a sexual entertainment venue "SEV") on the first floor.
5. Prior to July 2022 the premises licence was held in the sole name of Mr Suky Samra (who is also a councillor who sits on Walsall's Licensing Committee).
6. On 19 July 2022 an application to transfer the premises licence into the name "Capital Leisure" (described in the application as "a partnership") was received by the Council and had immediate effect.
7. On 30 November 2022 I received an email from Cllr Suky Samra that was copied to licensing officers at Walsall Council. The email (attached) read as follows:

*Good Morning Jen,*

*Further to our conversation outside the Council House the other week. Vison Leisure Ltd have now completed on the premises formerly known as the Colliseum.*

*After taking legal advice from an experienced licensing Barrister and with the present state of the hospitality industry it was advised that the 'Premises Licence' should not be transferred to Vision Leisure in order to protect and save it being surrendered and lost in the future and the owners of the building having no power to prevent such an act.*

*Instead and most common nowadays, the lease has been written in such a way that all obligations and the upholding of the licensing objectives are now with Vison Leisure and any breach of these will have serious consequences for their lease and heavy financial penalties.*

*I am sure you will make contact with the new owner's in due course and wish them well with their new venture, if you need my assistance I am happy to offer my services.*

*Martin Bell: XXXXXXXXXXXX*

*Valisha Anderson: XXXXXXXXX*

*Kind Regards,*

*Councillor Suky Samra LLB (Hons)*

*Chair – West Midlands Police + Crime Panel*

8. After a period of closure during the Covid-period, in or around December 2022 it re-opened as Valesha's nightclub on the ground floor and Savannah's Gentleman's Club on the first floor. Both floors operate under the same premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003 with permitted opening hours of 10:00 - 08:30 the following day on Monday to Sunday. The first floor additionally operates as a table-dancing venue under a SEV licence with permitted opening hours of 22:00 – 08:00 the following day on Monday to Saturday. Both floors are interconnecting through an internal staircase.
9. This premises is among the latest operating venues in Walsall Town Centre. It is located in a highly crime-sensitive location and operates at sensitive hours in the early hours which provide particular policing challenges.
10. WMP have serious concerns in relation to the SEV licence in addition to the premises licence. Those concerns are set out in a separate letter from WMP to the Council dated 17 March 2023 with attachments. I attach that document pack to this statement. The concerns expressed in that letter in relation to lack of transparency over the ownership and management of the premises apply also to the premises licence. Having viewed CCTV footage of the SEV operation it is clear that there are repeated breaches of the conditions on the SEV licence. I have set those out in a

separate document. Although these breaches relate to the SEV licence WMP believe they are relevant to the premises licence review as they indicate that the operator/licence holder is either unwilling or unable to abide by regulatory controls on licences issued by this Council.

11. This statement sets out the incidents and visits before the venue re-opened in December 2022 and then for the period since it re-opened. It includes serious concerns relating to:
  - a. The murder [redacted] inside the venue on 11 March 2023
  - b. Lack of management control over the premises and opaqueness of ownership and control.
  - c. Association of the premises with gang nominals both before and after the premises re-opened in December 2022.
  - d. The finding of an illegal weapon (a taser) probably for use by door staff in 2019
  - e. Drug dealing by security staff
  - f. Repeated breaches of the voluntary undertaking not to permit customers to enter after 04:30hrs
  - g. Breach of search condition [redacted]  
*"Routine searches will take place to ensure that no illegal substances or weapons are brought into the club".*
  - h. Breaches of the SEV conditions.
  - i. Incidents of anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, violence and disorder.

#### **Incidents and visits pre-December 2022 re-opening**

12. **5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - report of an assault**

At 05:22 hours a police log contains the following information

"A door staff member at a club has just assaulted me. He has punched me. I don't need an ambulance.

13. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - report of fighting

At 05:57 hours on the 12<sup>th</sup> January a police log contains the following information from ambulance staff:

“30 man fight ongoing. bouncers at the scene cannot contained the fight” This log can be matched with a log at 05:53 hours and then another at 05:54 hours

“CCTV operator- disorder in progress men and women involved. Can’t see any weapons. around 15- 20 people involved

“There is a big fight going on- males and females they were inside the club and now outside. Caller says they have got glasses and hammers. Could hear the disturbance in the background. caller says large scale disorder.”

14. 23rd February 2019 - report of an assault

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXX

Between 03:30 hours and 04:06 hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Section 47 assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The details on police systems state:

“IP having being ejected from the night club has engaged in a verbal altercation outside resulting in a fight. IP has been assaulted by one of 3 x unknown offenders. Offenders have made good their escape prior to police attending.

15. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - report of an assault

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXX

Between 06:10 and 06:40 hours on 16<sup>th</sup> March a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as Inflicting GBH without Intent. The details on police systems state:

“Whilst in town centre the IP has been approached by an unknown male who has proceeded in punching him once to the head causing IP to fall and hit his head on tarmac causing injury. IP was unconscious for approx. 5 mins. police called and ambo conveyed IP to hospital. offender made good their escape”. The IP in his statement stated the only reason he could think of for being assaulted was an altercation with a male in the toilets who had offered him some “COKE”. He refused where the male

disliked his response. IP again in the statement said he was told his heart had stopped when he was unconscious on the floor and required CPR”

16. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - report of an assault

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXX

Between 05:30 and 05:44 hours on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 a crime has occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Section 18, Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH). The details on police systems state:

“ IP and offender have had a verbal altercation outside offender location. During this, offender has attacked IP, biting her nose and left cheek, taking a chunk of skin out of her nose which is still attached. Bruising to the cheek in a u shape. Officers attended and offender arrested.”

17. 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 - report of an assault

At 05:51 hours a police log contains the following information

“Bouncer has been racist to IP and has thrown water over her - all still present.

Bouncer is Asian - he has told her he doesn't like white people and has assaulted her, thrown water over her “

18. 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - report of disorder and an assault

Two reports

At 04:16 hours a police log contains the following information:

“the Bouncer has a hammer. I have just been attacked by a bouncer. I am covered in blood he hit me and my friend.

At 04:19 hours a police log contains the following information from an operator of the local authority council CCTV whilst on duty:

“2 IC1 males covered in blood - now throwing glass bottles at the door staff. Males have come out of the club with males being covered in blood - gone somewhere to retrieve glass bottles and now throwing them”

19. **9<sup>th</sup> June 2029 - report of an assault**

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX

Between 06:00 and 07:02 hours on 9<sup>th</sup> June a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as Section 47 - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The details on police systems states:

“A fight has broken out between a group of females within the nightclub which has spilled outside onto the street. Further incidents of disorder have occurred between different groups & victim alleges that he was caught up in the disorder when a door to the club was pushed open & this has hit his left arm causing injury & pain and discomfort “

20. **15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - report of an assault**

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX

At 03:30 hours on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as Section.47 - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The details on police systems state:

“Victim has gone inside the offence location to argue with an unknown male over an earlier incident. during that time the offender has sworn at the victim and pushed her to the floor, causing a bruise to her elbow and pain to her back. The offender has then made good his escape in unknown direction.”

21. **6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - report of assaults**

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX (2)

Between 06:00 and 06:10 hours on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2029 crimes have occurred. This crime has been recorded as Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress and Criminal Damage to Other Building. The details on police systems state:

“the offender who is a former employee and who is banned from the nightclub has attended the premises, rushed past the door staff towards the reception area. He was

stopped by another security member a verbal altercation broke out, during which the offender was shouting " why am I banned? why can't I come in? Offender spotted the owner and shouted towards him "come on I'll do you" causing him to feel harassment, alarm and distress. The offender ran towards the reception ward and headbutted same causing a hole in the wall £250.00 value. Security walked him from nightclub after a lot of swearing. Cllr Samra was very rude to officers and refused to provide detail"

22. **21 July 2019 - report of a disorder**

From 03:44 hours on 21 July a police log contains the following information which has been added to our Innkeeper system:

"Relate to calls reporting a disorder outside the premises. Initial call from Mr Suki Samra states 60 people fighting, baseball bats. WBC council CCTV footage viewed which shows male and female being refused entry before disorder begins with male and female spitting at door staff. Police officers arrive and small crowd disperse"

"Mr Suky Samra contacted and advised that premises is being monitored and CCTV of the incident has been viewed (Council CCTV locker number XXXX refers).

23. **7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - report of disorder**

At 04:43 hours on 7<sup>th</sup> September a police log contains the following information.

"20 people trying to rush the door staff 2 door staff struggling. Call from CCTV- reports of 20 people trying to force, entry to the nightclub 2 door staff are there, struggling with them- some have now got inside. disorder in progress."

24. **27 October 2019 - report of disorder**

At 02:41 hours and then 02:57 hours on 27<sup>th</sup> October police logs contains the following information:

"Caller's friend is trying to glass the door man. Caller's arm has been cut from the bouncers as they pushed him- he doesn't need an ambulance"

"caller requested police and have cleared line. Male requests police – reported there was a fight outside the Colliseum

Also on the 27<sup>th</sup> the following police log: "BT connecting - disorder heard- but no request made and caller cleared. called back. caller stated that there was a huge fight kicking off outside coliseum- with lots of people involved."

25. **1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 - Taser weapon found at the location.**

The following information has been recorded on our [redacted] system:

"05/11/19 - Received 2 x e-mail's dated 01/11/19 from PC Law-Edwards and [redacted] (Walsall Community Protection Officer) relating to a joint visit that was conducted on the evening of 01/11/19 at the Coliseum club. The e-mail refers to a large torch that was found above an entrance door on the plinth. This torch on further inspection was found to be capable of being adapted to be used as a Taser and a baton. The DPS councillor Suky Samra was present and advised that it was nothing to do with his premises. Item was seized and booked into property ".  
Photograph of the weapon together with emails are available in the evidence bundle where PC Law-Edwards describes the weapon as a "dry stun taser".

26. **14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - report of violent disorder**

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX

Between 04:45 and 05:15 hours on 14<sup>th</sup> December a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Violent disorder. The details on police systems state:

"Approx. 10 known offenders have become involved in a verbal dispute which then led to violence where punches and kicks have been used to each other. Offenders then made off.

A further entry has been made on our [redacted] system:

"Suky Samra has contacted police to report a crowd of 20 males attempting to gain entry, following this a disorder takes place where a male reports being assaulted (nothing crimed at this time). There are several other logs relating to the same incident XXX, XXX and XXX which appear to be from the male reporting the assault and the theft of a mobile phone"

27. 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - report of a theft

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX

At 04:30 hours on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Theft. The details on police systems state:

“IP states she had her phone in her handbag in the nightclub. When looking in her handbag for the phone it was no longer in the bag. unknown offender. apple iPhone XR”.

28. 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 - report of a Robbery

Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX

Between 03:30 and 04:00 hours on 21<sup>st</sup> December a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Robbery of personal property. The details on police systems state:

“Whilst the victim was in attendance of the offence location being a nightclub, four eastern European males have approached the victim. Two of which have been nudging him either side, to which his bank card has become airborne and one of the offenders has caught the card whilst still in the air, and the offenders have made off”.

29. 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - report of disorder

CRIME NUMBER XXXXXXXXXXXX

On checking [REDACTED] the following entry has been made:

[REDACTED] entry:

“logs xxx & xxx of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 relates to two girls involved in a fight which has later resulted in a vehicle being driven at one of the girls by the other causing injury. The caller from log XXX appears to be [REDACTED] who is reporting damage to his vehicle caused during this incident. The caller reports seeing both girls coming out of night club, later referring to outside the coliseum. relates”

30. **8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - report of an assault**

At 05:02 hours on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Section 47 Assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The details on police systems state:

“ip has attempted to separate a fight between males and was assaulted by one of the males/suspects, causing injury. suspect made off.”

31. **1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 - report of an assault**

Crime Investigation – XXXXXXXXXXXX

At 05:15 hours a crime occurred. This crime has been recorded as a Section 18 - Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The details on police systems state:

“the IP left the night club at 05:00 hours [redacted] in order to get a taxi home. The IP was approached by an u/k male who was trying to gain entry into the club. He became abusive to the IP and her sisters, as the offender was walking away he shouted "fuck you, you white rats". One of the sisters replied "who are you calling white rats". The u/k male then came back towards the sisters in a threatening manner, he got so close to one of the IP's sisters she threw her bag at him to get him to move away. The IP then became involved and crossed the road in order to get to the offender to support her sister. The IP was then assaulted by an u/k female who joined in the argument. The IP ended up on the floor, the IP has then received a blow to the head. IP states she was then unconscious and when she awoke she had the following injuries. left eye swollen (completely closed). extensive bruising around eye. lots of scratching and marks to left side of face, large lump to left side of head in hair line, rear right of head 2 x large lumps, top right ear pierced, grazing to left knee. The IP has been told that a group of approx. 6-7 males attacked her. All offenders have then left the location. [redacted] other [redacted] have also received injuries as a result”

Also recorded Crime Investigation XXXXXXXXXXXX between the hours of 04:30 and 05:50, a crime of assault

“Unknown offender following a verbal altercation with IP [redacted] outside the offence location. Offender launched at the IP and striking her to her face causing IP to black out. the IP has come around a mix race female has been on top of the IP punching the IP to her head causing a dermis skin patch, bruising and swelling to right eye, badly bruised right hand and bruising to right leg. When the IP has come around again, £50 cash stolen from her bag, pair of ankle boots value of boots is £50 and a silver iphone 7 stolen from handbag , imei number is not known. the value of the phone is £160.”

On researching our [redacted] system the following entry we made in relation to this incident “council CCTV viewed which has captured this incident. The IP is seen to leave the coliseum club with three other females with no issues. The group are seen to speak with males outside the premises for several minutes before one of the females throws her clutch bag at a male. The group of females and IP walk across the road and stand outside cash generators next to the bus stop where the male who had the bag thrown at him was standing. An un-known black female wearing a long white wig then walks over to the group and a physical altercation takes place, the black female is then seen to be on the floor together with others from the group. The black female is seen to punch one of this group (ip?) to the face on numerous occasions before door staff from the coliseum intervene. There are no concerns in relation to the licensed premises in relation to this incident

### **Incidents and visits since December 2022 re-opening**

#### **32. 6th December 2022 – meeting with new operators**

At approx. 14:00 hours on the 6th December 2022 I attended a meeting at Valesha’s nightclub to meet with the new tenants as detailed in my previous statement dated 15 March 2023 relating to this review. I attended with [redacted] Community Protection Officer at Walsall Council. Present was Valesha ANDERSON, Martin BELL directors of Vision Leisure Limited and [redacted] the Designated Premise Supervisor at the time. From

the conversation this was a new venture for BELL and ANDERSON as neither had or have venues elsewhere.

I was informed the ground floor would be renamed to Valesha's Nightclub which has a capacity of 350 persons. There would be a strict dress code, no trainers, man bags, caps hoodies etc. All glassware would be polycarbs and bottles decanted. Although they have a licence until 8am of the morning, they agreed to a last entry policy of 04:30 hours, the front door would be closed from this point. They would aim to be closed as a venue on this floor around 6am unless they had customers spending money in the club and would remain open until 8am. Come next Feb/March they would be looking to run student nights on a Tuesday night.

The first floor which has the benefit of a Sexual Entertainment Licence would be renamed Savannah's Gentleman Club, this has a capacity of 150. This floor would also have a last entry policy of 04:30 hours. They were hopeful of attracting customers from outside of Walsall. They would look to close this floor off at 6am unless they had customers spending with the girls. Glassware would be used in this area. There will be a "no touch" policy with the girls and this area is covered by CCTV.

They confirmed all their cameras had been upgraded for clearer images. The SIA door team would be from [redacted] who would be provided with bodycams, they would also be suited and smart.

I fully explained the lack of police after 5am of a weekend and that they seriously needed to consider the safety of their staff and customers should they trade after these times. They further advised they are looking for upmarket customers and from what they had seen in Walsall during the NTE, most customers would not be allowed in their venue.

33. Valesha's Nightclub re-opened on or around the 16th December 2022.

34. 10th January 2023 – further meeting with new operators

On the 10th January 2023 I attended a further meeting at the venue with [redacted] as per my statement dated 15th March 2023. Valesha ANDERSON was now the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and [redacted] was the new manager. Present was ANDERSEN director of Vision Leisure Limited and now the Designated Premise Supervisor, and [redacted] their manager at the time. During the meeting they asked for

the removal of the 04:30 last entry policy. I strongly felt it was too soon to be making changes in policy when they had only been open for a matter of weeks. Furthermore, they had not been running to their maximum capacity to ensure they had robust policies in place.

[REDACTED] out of fairness agreed to speak with the Area Neighbourhood sergeants for their decision. I received a telephone call [REDACTED] confirming the continuation of the 04:30 last entry policy for a further 3 months until the end of March 2023 after they had time to reflect on the conversation. This was also confirmed in a later conversation with ANDERSON.

In addition to my statement we were informed the venue would be changing the company who provided their door staff. This was because two members of the door team were believed to have been dealing drugs in the men's toilets. This information was given to me by Valesha ANDERSON.

35. 20th January 2023 - drunkenness

At 04:35 hours on 20th January 2023 the local authority CCTV camera evidenced a female being carried/supported out of Valesha's nightclub. With her was another female. Whilst being carried out both the male and the female stumble over the steps as the male struggles to remove her from the venue. Both females are then left on the steps and the shutters to the door are brought down leaving the females alone and vulnerable. On speaking with the venue's manager [REDACTED] I was informed the male assisting the female was an off duty door supervisor. I was further informed the female had hurt her hip but he did admit she was also drunk. I advised they had a duty of care to this female. [REDACTED] agreed to address this with Ms Anderson and his door staff. I produce the CCTV footage of this incident via "Box" a secured web-based system for sharing footage.

36. 28th January 2023 – can thrown at DPS

At 04:15 hours on 28th January 2023 an incident occurred at the door of Valesha's. This was reported to me during a conversation with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Although this information was not reported directly to

[redacted] was causing issues at his door. [redacted] on the Pub Watch banning list. I was informed [redacted] lobbed a can at Valesha ANDERSON which hit her head. ANDERSON received no injuries and would not be making a complaint

37. **4th February 2023 – altercation with staff member**

At 07:21 hours on 4th February 2023 WMP received a call to say that there had been an assault after a male had lost his mobile phone. The male visited the rear fire exit to collect his phone from the manager [redacted]. The male informed police that a member of staff [redacted] demanded £50 from him which he refused to pay him. He was grabbed by the neck and brought to the floor and then kicked to the face which caused pain and discomfort. I met with [redacted] at Walsall Police Station who shared the CCTV footage of this incident from an external camera covering the rear door. The footage does show a scuffle between the male and [redacted] however it does not show the male falling to the floor.

I produce the CCTV footage of this incident via “Box” a secured web based system for sharing footage.

38. **12th February 2023 – breaches of last entry undertaking**

From 04:44 hours on 12th February 2023 the local authority camera which covers Bradford Place evidenced the following breaches of the voluntary undertaking previously agreed by ANDERSON and Martin BELL (a director of Vision Leisure Ltd) in December 2022 that the venue would commit to a 04:30 hour last entry policy:

At 04:52 hours a male was allowed into the venue. At 04:56 a female and then again at 05:04 another female. I then witnessed more people entering at 05:13, 05:18, 05:20, 05:22. Door staff at 04:44 and 05:04 hours were also seen smoking at the front door. On speaking with [redacted] the manager, I was informed one of the

males would have been a member of door staff who comes on duty after he finishes at another club. I was advised he would speak with his door team. On a later call with Valesha ANDERSON she informed me that [REDACTED] had not informed her of these breaches.

39. **18th February 2023 - disorder**

At 04:31 hours on 18th February the local authority CCTV camera evidenced disorder on the front door at Valesha's. A male in a blue puffer jacket was causing issues at the door, this male was not allowed entry however, there was a female seen in a pink outfit, she looked young and was being guided by another female. This older female appeared to be trying to shield the younger female from the disorder. The female in the pink was seen coming in and out of the venue. At 04:45 the front door to the venue remained open.

40. **19th February 2023 – breach of last entry**

From 04:30 hours on 19th February 2023 the local authority camera evidenced a queue outside Valesha's nightclub, there were temporary barriers positioned on the pavement. People were seen entering and leave the nightclub with door staff on duty. Due to the angle of the camera it was difficult to see the end of the queue however at 04:32:54 the end of the queue can be seen.

At 04:33:37 hours two males can be seen joining the queue followed by further male and female

At 04:36 people can be seen entering the club who joined the queue after 04:30. Two females can be seen walking to the venue and more people join the queue, the two females approach the front door of the club with another female who was standing on the outside of the barriers and start to walk up the steps of the club whilst meeting another female in the queue, holding hands, they enter without joining the queue.

At 04:36:40 a male in a long black coat approaches the door, he stands on the steps allowing two males who were standing behind him to enter the club. As the queue came to an end at 04:38:52 the male in the long coat goes inside and the front door is closed at 04:39:11.

At 04:39 two males are seen smoking outside the venue, a male and a female approach the door. One of the males who was smoking knocks on the door, a further male and female arrive at the door at 04:39:11 and another male arrives which results in a new queue forming. 04:40:05 two females have also joined the queue. At 04:40:30 front door is opened, everyone is let in with the two smokers leaving the venue.

At 04:41:20 a male walks down the barriers in a long black coat possibility a door man, approaches the last female in the queue, puts his arm around her back and gives her a kiss. Male approaches the door at 04:41:44, all enter and the front door is closed.

At 05:59:31 male approaches the door with what appears to be a drinking vessel in his hand walking passed a group standing outside some of whom had been let out of the club, he knocks on the door and is let in and the door closed.

41. **19th February 2023 - separate assault outside venue**

At approx. 07:00 hours on 19th February 2023 there was an incident which resulted in 4 crimes namely: Common Assault, Section 20 assault, criminal damage to a vehicle (under £5,000) and having possession of a controlled drug – Class B – Cannabis.

The injured party (IP) on leaving Valesha's was dragged to the floor by a known offender. The IP managed to get into a taxi but the offender told her to get out, on refusal the offender has then dragged her out of the vehicle ripping her clothes. IP was punched to the head twice causing a large lump to her eyebrow. Her injuries included hand marks and scratches on her neck caused by the offender. A further injured party who witnessed the male attacking a female and has intervened to help

the female. As a result of helping the female, the offender has punched the IP to the right side of her face and grabbed her arm causing momentary pain and discomfort but no injury. The offender during a search under section 32 PACE was found in possession of a small bag of class B Cannabis.

42. **26th February 2023 - breach of last entry**

PC Pallantina viewed the local authority camera facing Valesha's nightclub on the 22 March 2023. The officer evidenced the following breaches of the voluntary 04:30 last entry policy for 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023:

At 04:37 hours one male allowed in the venue

At 04:39 hours one female allowed in the venue

At 04:41 hours two females allowed in the venue

04:44 hours one male enters, searched, comes out and then re-enters.

04:48 hours a group of females and a male allowed inside the venue.

43. **4th March 2023 - breach of last entry**

At 04:41 hours a group of males allowed inside the venue.

At 05:04 hours a group of males/females allowed inside the venue.

At 05:28 hours one male allowed inside the venue

At 06:04 hours five males refused entry.

44. **5th March 2023 - breach of last entry, drunken disorder at door**

At 04:11:25 hours on 5th March 2023 as evidenced on the local authority CCTV a male leaves the venue whilst on his phone, he then comes back to speak with door staff. He then approaches a white vehicle on the road where a further male exists the vehicle at 04:13:37. The two males speak with each other and to a female who was on the other side of the barrier in the queue.

The male who has exited the vehicle stumbles over a traffic cone nearly falling into a moving vehicle, said male at 04:15:44 then falls into the barriers. Door staff do not let him in, at 04:21:06 he falls over again into the road taking one of the barriers with him in the fall and a potential customer.

At 04:25:47 as door staff move into the venue, said male follows them in however, he gets pushed back by the door resulting in the male falling into the barriers again. The door is then closed on him at 04:26:36. He then kicks the door and throws a police traffic cone.

At 04:33 hours two males approach the closed door and are allowed in

At 04:36 hours the male above is allowed in but then ejected at 04:39:14

The male who has been causing issues at the door at 04:41:41 hours walks on the opposite side of the road from Valesha's on Newport Street. He staggers, eventually falling to the floor. At 04:43:17 the male can be seen on the floor holding his head with his left hand and holding on to his phone with the right hand.

At 04:44:58 two males approach the door just as a female is leaving the club whilst the door is open they are allowed in.

At 04:48:58 hours a tall thin male approaches the door, knocks and is allowed in

At 04:59:18 hours door staff seen at the door, the male from earlier is still on the floor. As a male is let out another male approaches the door and is allowed in.

At 05:07:10 a small red coloured vehicle approaches and cars in Newport Street, a male exits the vehicle knocks on Valesha's door and enters.

At 05:09:20 male on the floor sinks backwards so he is now flat on the floor either passing out or falling asleep. From incident reports provided by the controllers of the local authority camera's they reported at 05:42 hours a spinal board was utilised by ambulance staff and at 05:51 hours the male was taken away in an ambulance.

Due to fire engines arriving in Bradford Street the local authority camera focussed on the fire trucks until 06:38:58 when they return to Valesha's where people are seen leaving the venue. Three door staff are seen standing outside the door with the door open. There are four people standing alongside the door staff. One tall male is seen

to pick up a bottle from the floor, appears to take a drink from it in front of the door staff, he then raises the bottle in his left hand.

At 06:40:20 person wearing a dark/brown coloured hoodie exits the venue, the bottle is then handed to this person again in front of the door, at 06:41:15 they take a drink from the bottle and carries on drinking. I produce footage of this incident of this incident via "Box" a secured web-based system for sharing footage.

Shutters go down at 06:42:42 Walsall town centre has a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which prohibits street drinking. The bottle is of clear glass which on the balance of probabilities would have contained alcohol.

45. **11th March 2023 – murder in the venue**

[REDACTED] 11th March 2023 the incident which triggered this summary review occurred. This incident is dealt with in more detail in the statement of my colleague Pc Ben Reader.

46. **14th March 2023 – call from management**

At approx. 09:25 hours on 14th March 2023 I received a call from Martin BELL on Valesha ANDERSON's mobile number. [REDACTED]

**Past issues with licence holder at other premises**

47. At approx. 11:00 hours on 22nd March 2023 I have again researched WMP's Innkeeper system in relation to Mr Harminder SINGH who we have been informed is a partner in the partnership "Capital Leisure" that holds the premises licence.

48. Mr Harminder SINGH is the Premise Licence Holder and Designated Premise Supervisor of "Samra's" a licensed premise at 24 Caldmore Green, Walsall WS1 3RN believed to operate as a social club. (He is believed to be the father of Cllr Suky Samra). From the records in 2013 WMP requested the revocation of this licence as all four of the licensing objectives were being undermined. I produce the Review application (WMP/JRM 0001 ). At the Review hearing in February 2014 the premises licence holder received a formal warning with an amended licence being issued. I produce Premise licence WS/PRL/0644 (WM/JRM 0002 ).
49. On researching [redacted] on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 there was a report of a stabbing at Samra's. The details on our crime reporting system evidenced between 01:45 and 02:38 on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 a stabbing of a male had occurred. On police arrival IP had a slash wound approx. 6 inches long and potentially 2 puncture wounds on his right upper leg, IP has also sustained a possible dislocated right shoulder. IP states that he was inside the club with [redacted] when a fight started with a group of Kurdish males over IP talking with unknown female. During the fight IP has been stabbed by unknown male [redacted]
50. Capital Leisure is also the Premise Licence Holder for premises at 66 Bradford Street, Walsall. WS1 3QD. Mr Harminder SINGH is the Designated Premises Supervisor. Information received from the local authority on 22 March 2023 confirmed this licence has been suspended since 2018 for non-payment of annual fees. I produce this licence WS/PRL/1093. (WM/JRM 0003 )

### SEV breaches

51. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March I attended Harborne Police Station to view the internal CCTV from Savannah's Gentleman's Club on the first floor of the venue which had been seized by police. Pc Ben Reader also viewed the footage. I noted a number of breaches of several conditions of the SEV licence which I summarise below. This

suggests a failure in the operator and licence holder to ensure licence conditions are complied with.

52. The camera is directed at one of the private booths in the upstairs of the venue. Due to the sensitivities

However, for the purposes of this statement only footage relating to March 11<sup>th</sup> was made available to me.

53. The footage reveals that the following conditions on the SEV licence are breached on a number of occasions:

*(13) Performers must never be alone in the company of a customer except in an area open to the public within the premises.*

*(17) The licensee must ensure that during the performance of a table dance:*

*(a) customers must be seated in an upright position against the back of the booth or seat with their hands by their sides before a dancer can start a table dance.*

*(c) for the purpose of restraint only, performers may only touch a customer above the customer's chest with their hands only;*

*(d) Performers must not sit or straddle the customer;*

*(e) Performers must not place their feet on the seats.*

*(18) The licensee must ensure that during performances to which this licence relates:*

*(a) Performers may not perform any act that clearly simulates any sexual act;*

*(b) Performers may not intentionally touch a customer at any time during the performance unless absolutely accidentally or due to a third party;*

54. Male 1 with Dancer 1 from 00:50 hours to 01:04 hours. Male is a balding older male with dancer having dark coloured hair.

At 00:50 hours on 11<sup>th</sup> March male (male 1) enters one of the private booths with a dancer (dancer 1).

At 00:50 hours male sits down with dancer 1 drawing the curtain to the booth and removes her robe and hangs it up. The curtain is a voile type fabric. Dancer 1 begins dancing putting her foot on the seat next to male 1.

At 00:51 dancer 1 straddles male 1 and gyrates on/over him. She then removes her bra and places her hands intentionally on his thighs. Her right foot is placed on the seat, she continues dancing. She then removes her pants and hangs them up, dancer one is now naked apart from her shoes, she then bends over in front of male 1 making intentional contact.

At 00:52 dancer 1 sits on male 1 and continues to gyrate over him making intentional contact. Dancer 1 leans back against male 1 and fondles herself making intentional contact.

At 00:53 she gyrates on him so much so male 1's jumper is moving making intentional contact.

At 00:54 dancer 1 rubs her bare chest on male 1's face making intentional contact.

At 00:57 dancer 1 rubs her bare chest on male 1's face making intentional contact

At 01:00 dancer one lies across male 1 and touches herself.

At 01:02 dancer 1 puts her clothes back on and continues to chat to male 1.

At 01:02 dancer one seen drinking from a bottle

At 01:04 male one and dancer 1 both leave the booth

55. Male 2 with dancer 2 from 03:41 hours to 03:51 hours. This is a younger male, dancer has long blonde coloured hair.

At 03:41 hours male 2 dancer 2 enter the private booth

At 03:42 dancer 2 straddles male 2 placing her breasts/chest to male 2's head. Dancer 2 has her feet on the seat. She intentionally touches male 2 and then lowers her bra revealing her breasts whilst kneeling on the floor. Dancer 2 straddles male 2 and appears to rub her bare chest in his face.

At 03:43 dancer 2 turns around grinding on the male making intentional contact so much so the male's leg and body are moving. Male 2 hands are around dancer 2's waist and then she again rubs her breasts/chest in his face.

At 03:44 male 2 is touching dancer 2's backside with his hands

At 03:45 male 2's hands are around her waist and leg area

At 03:45 it is noted that dancer 2 does not have her pants on, male 2 is touching the dancer where she then pins both his hands to the side of his head, one on each side. At 03:46 both the male and the dancer are seen drinking.

At 03:48 dancer 2 is seen intentionally rubbing her hands over the top of the male 2's legs and genital area.

At 03:50 dancer 2 re-dresses and the male is seen drinking from a bottle.

At 03:51 male 2 and dancer 2 leave the private booth area.

56. Male 3 with dancer 2 from 04:48 hours to 05:07 hours

At 04:48 hours male 3 and dancer 2 (from dance above) enter the private booth closing the curtain.

At 04:49 dancer 2 straddles male 3 making intentional contact, the dancer 2 is seen to hug male 3 where male 3 puts his arms around dancer 2 forming an embrace. The movements are very slow, dancer 2 was virtually horizontal on top of male 3 with him slouched on the booth seating. They stay in this position until 04:53 hours appearing to continually move slowly and appearing to chat.

At 04:53 dancer 2 is straddled over male 3 with male 3's hands around her lower back

At 04:54 male 3 has his head in dancer 2's chest and his hands on her backside make intentional contact.

At 04:55 male 3 with his hands squeezes the cheeks of dancer 2's bottom.

At 04:56 dancer 2 has her hands on male 3's body moving them from his chest to his legs. Male 3 has his hands on her backside until 04:58.

At 04:58 dancer 2 appears to stand over him

At 04:59 dancer 2 is seen gyrating on male 3.

At 05:00 male 3 has his hands on dancer 2's back as dancer 2 straddles him

At 05:01 male 3 has his hands under dancer 2's pants fondling her backside

At 05:03 male 3 hands move over dancer's legs returning his hands to inside her pants at 05:04 hours

At 05:06 hours dance finishes and both leave the private booth at 05:07 hours.

57. Male 3 with dancer 2 and 3 from 05:13 to 06:35

At 05:13 hours male 3 returns with dancer 2, they enter the private booth.

At 05:14 male 3 squeezes the bottom of dancer 2 as she intentionally touches male 3's body.

At 05:15 dancer 2 appears to lower her top revealing her breasts.

At 05:15 dancer 2 removes her pants and straddles male 3.

At 05:18 dancer 2 is seen moving her body over male 3 appearing to caress of kiss the male's neck.

At 05:19 male 3 has his hands on dancer 2's thighs moving to her backside to then firmly squeeze dancer 2's backside.

At 05:21 dancer 2 replaces her bra and leaves the private booth, male 3 remains. Dancer 2 returns with female staff member who has a card machine in her hands. Male 3 appears to use his mobile phone to make a payment. Female member of staff then leaves the private booth.

At 05:22 dance 3 continues by straddling male 3.

At 05:23 the same female staff member returns to the private booth, male 3 appears to sign something that was given to him which then resulted in the female staff member passing something to dancer 2 which is placed into the back of a possible

phone. The dance then continues with only male 3 and dancer 2 in the private booth.

At 05:25 both male 3 and dancer 2 seen drinking.

At 05:26 male 3 hands are on the backside of dancer 2 as she leans backwards, he appears to be holding her body weight, they do this several times.

At 05:30 male 3's head in in the chest of dancer 2, they are then seen drinking again.

At 05:32 the dance has stopped, they are chatting, male 3 checks his phone.

At 05:33 dancer 2 seen drinking

At 05:36 dancer 2 leaves and male leaves.

At 05:37 male 3 returns and has a drink. Dancer 2 and dancer 3 both enter the private booth. The female member of staff returns with the card machine where male 3 appears to use the card machine paying with his phone. Female member of staff then leaves the booth.

At 05:38 male 3, dancer 2 and 3 seen drinking in the private booth. Both dancers then together straddle male 3 intentionally touching male 3. Dancer 2 puts her hand around the throat of male 3. At this point the same female member of staff returns to the private booth. Both dancers are passed something by the female member of staff, dancer 2 puts this item into a wallet style pouch. Female staff member leaves and dancers continue as before.

At 05:42 dancer 3 has her hands around male 3's throat and dancer two lies backwards on him. Male 3 continues to touch the dancers.

At 05:44 dancer 2 has her hand around the throat of male 3. Due to both dancers being on top of male 3, it is difficult to see male 3.

At 05:46 dancer 2 leaves and then returns.

At 05:47 female member of staff enters the private booth with the card machine where a further payment appears to have been made by male 3. Female member of staff leaves the private booth to return with something for both dancers. On leaving both dancers continue.

At 05:52 dancer 3 feeds male 3 a drink

At 05:55 dancer 3 leaves the private booth.

At 05:56 same female staff member enters the private booth with the card machine, male 3 appears to make a payment on his phone. Female staff member leaves, returns and then leaves again.

At 06:00 dance continues with male 3 and dancers 2 and 3.

06:01 female staff member returns and leaves closing the curtain fully behind her.

At 06:01 male 3 appears to spank dancer 2 on her backside.

Female staff member returns giving both dancers something.

At 06:06 dancer 3 gives male 2 a drink

At 06:07 dance stops

At 06:09 dancer 2 leaves

At 06:10 dancer 3 leaves

At 06:11 both dancers are back in the private booth chatting with male 3

At 06:14 both dancers on their phones

At 06:17 all are still chatting, some touching dancers enter and re-enter the private booth until

At 06:35 Male and both dancers leave

58. I am aware condition 16 on the licence states:

*(16) Performers are never to be in the company of a customer except in an area open to the public within the premises (excluding the toilets).*

With the private booth having a curtain pulled across the area I would have to question if the booth is an “area open to the public” therefore creating further breaches.

59. Due to the limitations of only having the one camera available for viewing at the present time I am unable to confirm if condition 15 has also been breached:

*(15) Performers must not perform a nude table dance unless in a supervised area or within five metres of a floor supervisor.*

Whilst the dancers were nude, I did not have a view of 5 metres however, during the nudity, the booth was not supervised at this time.

### **Conclusion**

60. The premises licence holder remains responsible for promoting the licensing objectives at this venue. This includes compliance with all conditions on the premises

licence and SEV. That responsibility cannot, and should not, be delegated to other persons or operators.

61. At the interim steps hearing held on 16 March 2023, the legal representative for the licence holder, Capital Leisure, stated that the partners were Harminder Singh and Karamjit Kaur, the parents of Cllr Samra. I have never had any dealings with either person and it appears they have little or no involvement or oversight over the running of the premises.
62. Given the seriousness of the homicide on 11 March, the history of issues at the venue, the opaqueness of ownership and control of the premises, and the repeated failures to comply with licence conditions, WMP have no confidence that either the operator or licence holder are able or willing to promote the licensing objectives at this venue. For that reason, WMP invite the licensing sub-committee to revoke the premises licence and direct that the interim suspension continues pending any appeal period.

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No.

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Statement of Ben READER

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable 2413

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Signature: (witness)

Date 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I am PC 2413 Reader of the West Midlands Police.

I am a specialist licensing officer, based at Lloyd House, Police Headquarters.

This statement is in relation to a summary review for the premises licence that trades as 'Valeshas Nighclub' (Valeshas) in Walsall. Tragically, a young man, [redacted] was murdered inside the venue in the early hours of Saturday 11 March 2023.

The licence reference is WS/PRL/0242 and the address of the premises is 17 Newport Street, Walsall, WS1 1RZ.

Walsall Council has confirmed that the Premises Licence Holder transferred the Premises Licence from his own name into the name of a 'partnership' called 'Capital Leisure' in July 2022. The Premises Licence holder prior to the transfer was Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra.

I am also aware from an email sent to Walsall Licensing from Mr SAMRA on 30th November 2022 that Mr SAMRA had drawn up a lease agreement with a company called Vision Leisure Limited (Company number 14412371) which was incorporated on 11 October 2022.

The directors of Vision Leisure Limited being Valesha Andrea ANDERSEN and Martin BELL who both run Valesha's night club on the ground floor and a lap dancing venue situated in the upstairs first floor of 17 Newport Street known as Savannah's Gentlemen's Club (which holds an additional Sex Entertainment Venue). Access to both clubs are available to customers internally via a staircase.

Vision Leisure Limited (Company number 14412371 and incorporated on 11 October 2022 - it has has two directors: Valesha Andrea ANDERSEN and Martin BELL) has a tenancy agreement with the Premises Licence Holder - Capital Leisure

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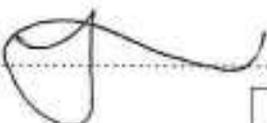
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Statement of Ben READER

Capital Leisure is owned as a partnership with Mr Suky SAMRA being the owner however, I have not seen any documentary evidence to confirm that this partnership exists, its purpose or its members. Mr SAMRA is a councillor for Walsall Borough covering the Streetly ward, he is also a member of the Licensing Committee.

With the fast pace of the murder investigation and the enquiries that are taking place, I have only been able to review limited parts of CCTV and evidence relating to this case. Some of these matters cannot yet be disclosed for highly sensitive operational reasons.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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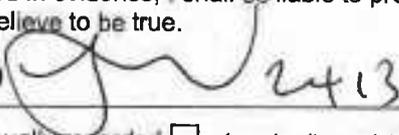
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Statement of Ben Reader

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Occupation Police Constable 2413

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Signature: (witness)  2413

Date 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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I am PC 2413 Reader of the West Midlands Police.

This statement is further to my previous statement regarding Valesha's Nightclub, 17 Newport Street, Walsall.

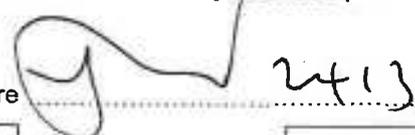
The premises was previously known as Colliseum and Suky Samra was the licence holder until July 2022 when a transfer was received placing the licence into the name of Capital Leisure.

On the 13th December 2019, a disorder took place at the premises which included gang nominals. (Further details of this are produced in a statement by J Mellor)

Intelligence received by police and believed to be reliable in relation to this incident stated that Birmingham gang nominals were using this premises on a regular basis and that they were meeting with gang nominals from the western side of the force area.

An entry was placed on police systems on 3rd January 2020 stating that this venue was linked to gang attendance following disorders at the location.

Due to Covid restrictions, many licensed premises did not trade for significant periods of time.

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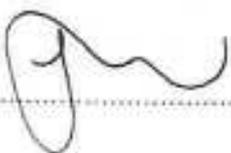
The Colliseum since rebranded as Valesha's on the ground floor and Savannah's Gentlemen's Club on the first floor (a sexual entertainment venue).

The police investigation into the events of 11th March 2023 have indicated that gang nominals were present during the incident.

Due to WMP having the hard drive, significant amounts of CCTV is still to be viewed.

On weekends prior to the 11th March, individuals WMP believe to be gang nominals have also been seen on CCTV inside the venue.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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Statement of Jennifer Mellor

Age if under 18 N/A (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Walsall Licensing & Regulatory Service  
Officer, West Midlands Police

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Signature:  (witness)

Date 15 March 2023

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I am Jennifer Mellor 60384 currently based at Walsall Police Station as the Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer. This statement has been written to assist with the Summary Review of the Premise Licence WS/PRL/0242 Valesha's Nightclub formally known as the Coliseum.

As part of my licensing duties I visited the Coliseum to introduce myself to the new tenants on Tuesday 6th December 2022. I attended with Sarah Heath-Marshall, Community Protection Officer at Walsall Council. Present was Valesha ANDERSEN, Martin BELL directors of Vision Leisure Limited an  ie Designated Premise Supervisor at the time. From the conversation this was a new venture for BELL and ANDERSEN as neither had or have venues elsewhere.

I was informed the ground floor would be renamed to Valesha's Nightclub which has a capacity of 350 persons. There would be a strict dress code, no trainers, man bags, caps hoodies etc. All glassware would be polycarbs and bottles decanted. Although they have a licence until 8am of the morning, they agreed to a last entry policy of 04:30 hours, the front door would be closed from this point. They would aim to be closed as a venue on this floor around 6am unless they had customers spending money in the club and would remain open until 8am. Come next Feb/March they would be looking to run student nights on a Tuesday night.

The first floor which has the benefit of a Sexual Entertainment Licence would be renamed Savannah's Gentleman Club, this has a capacity of 150. This floor would also have a last entry policy of 04:30 hours. They were hopeful of attracting customers from outside of Walsall. They would look to close this floor off at 6am unless they had customers spending with the girls. Glassware would be used in this area. There will be a "no touch" policy with the girls and this area is covered by CCTV.

They confirmed all their cameras had been upgraded for clearer images. The SIA door team would be from UK bodyguards who would be provided with bodycams, they would also be suited and smart.

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Statement of Jennifer Mellor

I fully explained the lack of police after 5am of a weekend and that they seriously needed to consider the safety of their staff and customers should they trade after these times. They further advised they are looking for upmarket customers and from what they had seen in Walsall during the NTE, most customers would not be allowed in their venue.

On 10th January 2023 I attended again with Sarah Heath-Marshall. Present was ANDERSEN director of Vision Leisure Limited and now the Designated Premise Supervisor, and [redacted] their manager at the time. During the meeting they asked for the removal of the 04:30 last entry policy. I strongly felt it was too soon to be making changes in policy when they had only been open for a matter of weeks. Furthermore they had not be running to their maximum capacity to ensure they had robust policies in place: [redacted], out of fairness agreed to speak with the Area Neighbourhood sergeants for their decision.

I received a telephone call from [redacted] confirming the continuation of the 04:30 last entry policy for a further 3 months until the end of March 2023 after they had time to reflect on the conversation. This was also confirmed in a later conversation with ANDERSEN.

Signature

*J Mellor*

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Statement of Tina Pallatina

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Occupation Police Constable

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Signature: T.pallatina [Signature]

(witness)

Date 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable 4353 Tina Pallatina serving with the West Midlands Police, currently based at the Civic Centre, Walsall.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 I was on duty at the Civic Centre where between 0800 hours and 1300 hours I viewed the Council CCTV that covers the location of Newport Road, Walsall, West Midlands, where at this location is a Licenced venue called Valesha's. I viewed the following dates from 04:30 hours to ascertain if any breaches of the venues Licence conditions had occurred. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 the Venue was closed at 04:39 hours. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Febuary Camera only covers the venue from 05:29 hours. But nothing of note.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 04:37 hours 1 male allowed inside, 04:39 hours 1 female allowed inside, 04:41 hours 2 females allowed inside, 04:44 hours 1 male enters, appears to be searched in doorway, comes out of the venue and then re-enters, 04:48 hours Group of females and a male allowed in. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Venue closed at 04:39 nothing noted. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 04:41 hours group of males allowed in, 05:04 hours group of males/females allowed in, 05:28 hours 1 male allowed in. 06:04 hours 5 males refused entry.

[Signature] 4353

Signature [Signature]

Signature witnessed by .....

03/2016



# Section Two





# Walsall Council

## Application to transfer premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

We **CAPITAL LEISURE**

*(Insert name of applicant)*

apply to transfer the premises licence described below under section 42 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number

WS/PRL/0242

### Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

**COLLISEUM NIGHTCLUB**

**CORNER OF 23 BRADFORD STREET AND 17 NEWPORT STREET**

Post town **WALSALL**

Post code **WS1 1RZ**

Telephone number at premises (if any)

Please give a brief description of the premises (see note 1)

**NIGHTCLUB**

Name of current premises licence holder

**MR S SAMRA**

### Part 2 - Applicant details

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence to be transferred to you?

a) an individual or individuals\*

Please tick  yes

please complete section (A)



- b) a person other than an individual \*
  - i. as a limited company/limited liability partnership  please complete section (B)
  - ii. as a partnership (other than limited liability)  please complete section (B)
  - iii. as an unincorporated association or  please complete section (B)
  - iv. other (for example a statutory corporation)  please complete section (B)
- c) a recognised club  please complete section (B)
- d) a charity  please complete section (B)
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment  please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body  please complete section (B)
- g) an individual who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales  please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in respect of an independent hospital in England  please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales  please complete section (B)

\*If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

Please tick \_ yes

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a
  - statutory function or
  - a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

**(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS** (fill in as applicable)

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title   
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**  **First names**



Date of birth  
Nationality

I am 18 years old or

Please tick  yes

Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 2 for information)

Current residential address if different from premises address

Post town

Post code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other title

(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

Date of birth  
Nationality

I am 18 years old or

Please tick  yes

Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 2 for information)

Current residential address if different from premises address



Post town

Post code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address  
(optional)

**(B) OTHER APPLICANTS**

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name <b>CAPITAL LEISURE</b>
Address NEWPORT STREET WALSALL WS1 1RZ
Registered number (where applicable)
Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) <b>PARTNERSHIP</b>
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

**Part 3**

Please tick - yes

Are you the holder of the premises licence under an interim authority notice?

Do you wish the transfer to have immediate effect?

If not when would you like the transfer to take effect?

Day Month Year

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Please tick  yes

I have enclosed the consent form signed by the existing premises licence holder

If you have not enclosed the consent form referred to above please give the reasons why not. What steps have you taken to try and obtain the consent?

Please tick  yes

If this application is granted I would be in a position to use the premises during the application period for the licensable activity or activities authorised by the licence (see section 43 of the Licensing Act 2003)

Please tick  yes

I have enclosed the premises licence

If you have not enclosed premises licence referred to above please give the reasons why not.

IT HAS BEEN MISPLACED

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the consent form signed by the existing premises licence holder or my statement as to why it is not enclosed
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation
- I have sent a copy of this application to the chief officer of police today
- I have sent a copy of this form to Home Office Immigration Enforcement today



- Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents, or my Home Office online right to work checking service share code, to demonstrate my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom (please read note 2)

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.**

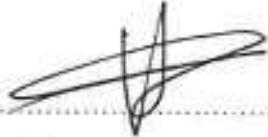
**IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.**

I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 2)

**Part 4 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 3)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date

19-7-22

Capacity OWNER

**For joint applicants signature of second applicant, second applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent** (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

Date

Capacity



**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)**

CAPITAL LEISURE  
[REDACTED]

**Post town**  
WALSALL

**Post Code**  
[REDACTED]

**Telephone number (if any)** [REDACTED]

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional) SUKYSSAMRA@GMAIL.COM**



## Jennifer Mellor

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**From:** Councillor S.Samra <Cllr.Suky.Samra@walsall.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 November 2022 11:38  
**To:** Jennifer Mellor  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [External]: DPS Variation

**CAUTION: This email originated from outside of West Midlands Police. Do not click links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.**

Good Morning Jen,

Further to our conversation outside the Council House the other week. Vison Leisure Ltd have now completed on the premises formerly known as the Colliseum.

After taking legal advice from an experienced licensing Barrister and with the present state of the hospitality industry it was advised that the 'Premises Licence' should not be transferred to Vision Leisure in order to protect and save it being surrendered and lost in the future and the owners of the building having no power to prevent such an act.

Instead and most common nowadays, the lease has been written in such a way that all obligations and the upholding of the licensing objectives are now with Vison Leisure and any breach of these will have serious consequences for their lease and heavy financial penalties.

I am sure you will make contact with the new owner's in due course and wish them well with their new venture, if you need my assistance I am happy to offer my services.

Martin Bell: [Redacted]  
Valisha Anderson: [Redacted]

Kind Regards,

Councillor Suky Samra LLB (Hons)

Chair – West Midlands Police + Crime Panel

[Redacted]

Streetly Ward  
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council  
The Council House  
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**Walsall Council**

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# Section Three





Walsall Borough Council  
Licensing Department  
Darwall Street  
Walsall  
West Midlands  
WS1 1TD

**Legal Department**

West Midlands Police Headquarters  
Lloyd House  
PO Box 52  
Colmore Circus Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ

Direct Telephone:  
Switchboard: 101  
Internal:  
Email:

Our Reference:

Date: 17 March 2023

**Re: Sexual Entertainment Venue  
trading as Savannah's, 17 Newport Street, Walsall, WS1 1RZ**

1. On behalf of the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police ("WMP") I request Walsall Council to consider revoking the Sexual Entertainment Venue licence ("SEV licence") relating to premises trading as "Savanah's" located on the first floor of 17 Newport Street, Walsall WS1 1RZ.
2. Alternatively, WMP object to the renewal of the SEV licence, which is due to expire on 5 April 2023, in the event there is any application to renew that licence before that date.
3. The power of a licensing authority to revoke the SEV licence is provided by paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ("the 1982 Act") which states:

**Revocation of licences**

*17(1) The appropriate authority may, after giving the holder of a licence under this Schedule an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by them, at any time revoke the licence—*

*(a) on any ground specified in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 12 above; or  
(b) on either of the grounds specified in sub-paragraph (3)(a) and (b) of that paragraph.*

*(2) Where a licence is revoked, the appropriate authority shall, if required to do so by the person who held it, give him a statement in writing of the reasons for their decision within 7 days of his requiring them to do so.*





*(3) Where a licence is revoked, its holder shall be disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence in the area of the appropriate authority for a period of 12 months beginning with the date of revocation.*

4. The grounds of revocation relied on by WMP are those set out in paragraph 12(3)(a) and (b) of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, namely (with emphasis added):

*(a) that the applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason;*

*(b) that if the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such a licence if he made the application himself;*

5. The Council will be aware that it can initiate SEV licence revocation proceedings unilaterally and no formal application by WMP is required. This letter sets out the reasons why WMP believe the Council should take action to revoke the SEV licence.
6. The licence holder is entitled to appear before the Council to be heard prior to any decision being taken by the Council. We suggest this hearing could usefully be scheduled for 4 April 2023 when the separate and linked premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003 and relating to the same premises is subject to a full licence review hearing following an application by WMP for a summary review.
7. The premises previously traded as Colliseum Nightclub on the ground floor and Club X on the first floor. After a period of closure during the Covid-period, in or around December 2022 it re-opened as Valesha's nightclub on the ground floor and Savannah's Gentleman's Club on the first floor. Both floors operate under the same premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003 with permitted opening hours of 10:00 - 08:30 the following day on Monday to Sunday. The first floor additionally operates as a table-dancing venue under a SEV licence with permitted opening hours of 22:00 – 08:00 the following day on Monday to Saturday. Both floors are interconnecting through an internal staircase. This premises is among the latest operating venues in Walsall Town Centre. It is located in a highly crime-sensitive location and operates at sensitive hours in the early hours which provide particular policing challenges. That is all the more reason why the ownership and management controls and transparency need to be beyond reproach.
8. On Saturday 11 March 2023, at [redacted] a male was fatally stabbed inside Valesha's nightclub. [redacted] a [redacted] condition on the premises licence that "routine searches will take place to ensure that no





illegal substances or weapons are brought into the club”

9. WMP instigated a summary review of the premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 on 14 March 2023. On 16 March 2023, at a remote interim steps hearing, the Council suspended the premises licence as an interim step pending the full review hearing on 4 April.
10. Both the premises licence and the SEV licence are held by an entity described as “Capital Leisure”. The most recent application to annually renew the SEV licence was made on 7 April 2022 (copy attached). The application form states the full name of the applicant to be “Capital Leisure” of [redacted] Newport Street, Walsall, West Midlands WS1 1RZ, which is declared to be a “corporate or unincorporated body”. The contact email is given as suky samra [redacted] a council licensing officer has stated in recent correspondence with WMP that “Capital Leisure” is believed to be a partnership.
11. The application for renewal of the SEV licence requires the applicant to “give full names and private addresses of all Directors or other persons responsible for management of the establishment”. The only details provided on the renewal form were Mr Suky Samra of [redacted]
12. Mr Suky Samra is also a Councillor of Walsall Council who sits on the licensing committee. To avoid confusion with similarly named individuals who appear in this matter he will be referred to as “Cllr Samra” below.
13. Cllr Samra completed and signed a statutory Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form (“DPI form”) on 14 June 2022 which was registered by the Council on 27 June 2022 (copy attached). This was just over 2 months after Cllr Samra signed the SEV renewal form indicating that he was the only person responsible for operating the first floor SEV (then known as “Club X”).
14. The DPI form makes no reference to the licensed premises at [redacted] 17 Newport Street. The only employment interest he discloses is “Samras, 27 Caldmore Green, Walsall, WS1 1RN”. In relation to his beneficial interests in land, Cllr Samra lists only: (1 [redacted])  
(2) [redacted] No other



interests are declared including in response to the Part H box "Other registerable interests which is or could be related to the business of the Council". Walsall Council's website records that Cllr Samra has made no other declarations of interests at meetings including meetings of the licensing committee and sub-committee he has attended and none stating he is involved in running the licensed premises at [redacted] 17 Newport Street (see attached screenshot).

15. WMP assumes these declarations to be true and accurate.
16. It follows that Cllr Samra has declared no employment or beneficial land interest or other registerable interest in relation to the SEV premises. Yet he is the only individual named in the SEV renewal application dated 7 April 2022 as being responsible for the premises. It is difficult to reconcile these two contrasting sets of declarations. WMP makes no representations in relation to Cllr Samra's compliance with his disclosure duties to the Council as a councillor (that is a matter for the Council at first instance and not WMP), nor does WMP make any allegation of bad faith on the part of Cllr Samra. The relevance is whether the applicant to renew the SEV application made the appropriate and full disclosures required under the SEV licensing regime so that the actual owners, managers and operators were known to the authorities.
17. WMP do have a record of Cllr Samra being on duty on the ground floor of the venue in late October 2019 when it operated as Colliseum Nightclub. On that occasion WMP found an unlawful taser weapon above a doorway at the venue. A sign above the door stated "These premises are operated by Capital Leisure Plc" (photograph attached). WMP are unaware of Capital Leisure Plc being a real entity.
18. On 30 November 2022, Cllr Samra emailed [redacted] a WMP licensing officer, copying in two Walsall Council licensing officers (copy attached). His email indicated that a company referred to as Vision Leisure Ltd "have now completed on the premises formerly known as Colliseum" and that the lease contains provisions stating that "all obligations and the upholding of the licensing objectives are now with" that company. The "new owners" are said to be Martin Bell and Valesha (sic) Andersen.
19. Both Mr Martin Bell and Ms Valesha Andersen appeared on screen briefly at the interim steps hearing on 16 March 2023 represented by Counsel (but were not a formal party to those proceedings as they were not the licence holder). Ms Andersen stated "we were running Valesha's at the time of the incident". Ms Andersen is the Designated Premises Supervisor named on the premises licence. WMP have had previous dealings with both



Mr Bell and Ms Andersen who appear to have been the current operators of both floors of the premises since December 2022.

20. Both Mr Bell and Ms Anderson are recorded by Companies House as Directors of Vision Leisure Ltd.
21. At a summary review interim steps remote hearing held before Walsall Council's licensing sub-committee on 16 March 2023, a solicitor acting for "Capital Leisure", Mr Harpal Singh Samra (believed to be the brother of Cllr Samra), stated to the licensing sub-committee in response to questions that Capital Leisure, the premises licence holder (and SEV licence holder), was "a partnership". The two partners were stated to be "his parents" namely Harminder Singh and Karamjit Kaur. Once again, WMP assumes these representations to be true and accurate. The solicitor, Mr Samra, stated that his father was the owner of the building. (HM Land Registry documents indicate that Harminder Singh Samra is the freehold owner of 17 Newport Street, copy attached).
22. It follows that the application for renewal of the SEV made in April 2022 was seriously deficient in that it failed to identify the individuals who actually made up the partnership known as "Capital Leisure" and were applying for the renewal of the SEV licence. A reader of the SEV renewal form would have assumed that the only person with a recordable interest was Cllr Samra himself. This now appears not to be the case.
23. This is a serious disclosure failure that goes to the heart of the SEV licensing regime. An important purpose of the SEV application and renewal process is to ensure that the Council and other responsible authorities are fully aware of the identity and bona fides of all persons who own and are responsible for managing SEV premises, whether directly or indirectly (for which see paragraph 12(3)(b) of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, cited above).
24. The first the police, and we assume the Council, had ever heard that Harminder Singh and Karamjit Kaur were the two individuals who formed the partnership known as Capital Leisure, and so are the holders of the SEV licence, was during the interim steps hearing on 16 March 2023. This is an unsatisfactory position that undermines the Council and WMP's ability to regulate and take enforcement action against the holder of a SEV licence. In their reasoned decision following the interim steps hearing (attached), the licensing sub-committee indicated that they were "gravely concerned by the lack of clarity and lack of transparency as to the overall control of the premises and the premises licence". The same is true of the SEV premises and SEV licence.



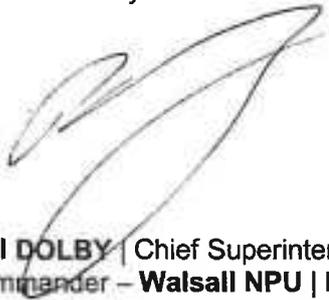


25. Given the homicide that took place [REDACTED] could not be more serious, and breaches of the premises licence conditions were witnessed on that occasion, it is imperative that there is transparency and clarity as to who owns, controls and manages SEV premises.
26. The current situation is opaque and deeply unsatisfactory. WMP do not believe that Harminder Singh and Karamjit have any involvement in managing the premises yet they are the SEV licence holders. The renewal application suggests that the only person who is a Director or is responsible for managing the premises is Cllr Samra, yet he makes no mention of that in his declaration of pecuniary interests as a councillor. Moreover, since the SEV renewal application was granted all management responsibility for promoting the licensing objectives and compliance with the two licences appears to have been delegated by Cllr Samra to Vision Leisure Ltd, another company altogether (presumably on behalf of Capital Leisure, an entity of which Cllr Samra is not a partner).
27. Given the above, WMP suggests that the SEV licence holder "Capital Leisure" is unsuitable to hold a SEV licence as a result of one or more of the following reasons:
- a. The failures of management and breach of premises licence conditions that occurred on the night of the homicide on 11 March 2023;
  - b. The attempt of Capital Leisure to delegate all their responsibilities as licence holder to the new operators in November/ December 2022.
  - c. The failure of "Capital Leisure" to make full and appropriate disclosure on their SEV renewal application in April 2022.
  - d. The actual individuals now said to constitute the partnership Capital Leisure (Cllr Samra's parents) appear to have little or no involvement in the running of the SEV premises.
28. The Council is therefore invited to hold a hearing to consider the revocation of the SEV licence.
29. Alternatively, if any application to renew the SEV licence is made prior to its expiry, this letter should stand as WMP's objection to renewal and the Council should refuse the renewal for the same reasons.

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30. We would be grateful for the Council's views on these issues as the lead licensing authority.

Yours sincerely



**Phil DOLBY** | Chief Superintendent  
Commander – **Walsall NPU** | Bloxwich PS  
West Midlands Police

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**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982  
Part II  
Section 2 and Schedule 3**

**SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE**

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, being the licensing authority under Section 2 of the above Act, hereby grant to:

**Capital Leisure  
Newport Street  
Walsall  
WS1 1RZ**

This licence to operate a Sexual Entertainment Venue at the premises known as:

**Savanah's, 17 Newport Street, Walsall, WS1 1RZ**

During the hours of:

**Monday to Saturday 22:00 – 08:00 the following day**

No member of the public is to be admitted to the second floor at all times when the premises are in use.

This licence shall, unless revoked in the meantime, remain in force until **5 April 2023** and is granted subject to the conditions appended hereto

Dated 10 November 2022

**Head of Community Safety and Enforcement  
Resilient Communities  
Economy Environment & Communities**



**WALSALL COUNCIL**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1982**

**PART II, SECTION 2 AND SCHEDULE 3**  
**LICENSING OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS**

**CONDITIONS OF LICENCE FOR SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES**

**Contact**

Any queries or points of clarification on the application of these conditions should be directed to:

Licensing Unit, Walsall Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP  
Telephone: 01922 653050

**Interpretation**

In these conditions

"The Council" means Walsall Council

"The Fire Service" or "Fire Officer" means the Chief Fire Officer, West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7 4HW (0121 380 6300)

"The Chief Officer of Police" or "Police Officer" means the Chief Constable, West Midlands Police (0345 113 5000)

"The Licensee" means the person in whose name the licence is held.

**INTRODUCTION**

These conditions are imposed by the Council pursuant to its powers under Paragraph 13(1) of Schedule 3 to the above Act and apply to all premises licensed as a "Sexual Entertainment Venue" as defined by the Act save and insofar as they do not conflict with any special conditions forming part of the licence nor with the provisions of the Act itself

**THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO ALL SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCES ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL** (additional conditions, if any, relating to particular premises, will be included on individual licence documents):



## STANDARD CONDITIONS OF LICENCE FOR SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT

### VENUES

- (1) The licensee must remain in personal control of the premises at all times or nominate an individual in writing over the age of 18 with the authority to direct activities within the premises.
- (2) Any individual employed on the premises to conduct a security activity (within the meaning of section paragraph 2(1)(a) of schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001) must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
- (3) The licensee must ensure that a suitable number of trained staff are employed to supervise the interior of the premises ("floor supervisors") whilst performances are being given under this licence.
- (4) No persons under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the premises. Customers who appear to be under the age of 25 must be asked to provide photographic proof of their age. The licensee must provide prominent notices at each entrance to the premises to this effect.
- (5) Performers shall be aged not less than 18 years. The licensee must maintain adequate records of the names, addresses and dates of birth of performers including adequate identity checks.
- (6)
  - (a) The licensee shall ensure that neither they nor any person promoting or providing entertainment on the premises (nor any person acting on behalf of any such person) shall display advertisements promoting the entertainment or the premises in any unlawful or offensive manner.
  - (b) Where the council have given notice in writing to the licensee objecting to an advertisement on the grounds that, if displayed, it would offend against good taste or decency or be likely to encourage or incite to crime or to lead to disorder or to be offensive to public feeling, that advertisement shall not be displayed.
  - (c) The licensee shall not permit the display outside of the premises of photographs or other images which indicate or suggest that striptease or similar entertainment takes place on the premises and which may be offensive.
  - (d) The licensee shall ensure to the council's satisfaction (including, where required, necessary planning or building control consents) that the interior of the premises is not visible from the outside of the premises, and that the exterior is maintained to a satisfactory level of decorum. At no point may dancers be visible from outside of the premises.
- (7) Where on the grounds of public safety, public nuisance, or crime and disorder, the council has specified in writing the maximum permitted capacity of the premises whilst sexual entertainment takes place, the licensee shall ensure that no more than the maximum numbers of patrons be permitted to enter the premises.



- (8) Performers shall only perform on the stage area, to seated customers or in such other areas of the licensed premises as may be agreed in writing with the council.
- (9) The licensee is to implement a policy to ensure the safety of the performers when they leave the premises after a period of work.
- (10) Performers must remain clothed in public areas and all other areas except while performing in areas specified by the Council as where sexual entertainment may be provided.
- (11) Performers must dress fully at the end of each performance.
- (12) Performers may not accept any telephone number, email address, address or contact information from any customer, except in the form of a business card which must be surrendered to the licensee or their representative before leaving the premises.
- (13) Performers must never be alone in the company of a customer except in an area open to the public within the premises.
- (14) The licensee is to ensure a sufficient number of door supervisors are employed inside the premises whilst sexual entertainment is provided to supervise the performers and customers.
- (15) Performers must not perform a nude table dance unless in a supervised area or within five metres of a floor supervisor.
- (16) Performers are never to be in the company of a customer except in an area open to the public within the premises (excluding the toilets).
- (17) The licensee must ensure that during the performance of a table dance:
  - (a) customers must be seated in an upright position against the back of the booth or seat with their hands by their sides before a dancer can start a table dance;
  - (b) customers must remain seated during the entire performance of the dance;
  - (c) for the purpose of restraint only, performers may only touch a customer above the customer's chest with their hands only;
  - (d) Performers must not sit or straddle the customer;
  - (e) Performers must not place their feet on the seats.
- (18) The licensee must ensure that during performances to which this licence relates:
  - (a) Performers may not perform any act that clearly simulates any sexual act;
  - (b) Performers may not intentionally touch a customer at any time during the performance unless absolutely accidentally or due to a third party;
  - (c) Performers may not use inappropriate, suggestive or sexually graphic language at any time;



- (d) Performers must never intentionally touch the genitals or breasts of another dancer or to knowingly permit another dancer to intentionally touch their genitals or breasts;
  - (e) Performers must not engage in communications that could be deemed as acts of prostitution or solicitation, even if the performer has no intention of carrying out the act;
  - (f) Performers may only perform nude or semi-nude dancing (of any description) within areas specified by the council.
- (19) The licensee must ensure that during performances to which this license relates:
- (a) Customers may not dance at any time, except in areas specifically designated by the council as being separate from areas for sexual entertainment.
  - (b) Customers must remain appropriately clothed at all times.
- (20) The licensee shall ensure that CCTV is installed and maintained to the satisfaction of West Midlands Police, and that any images are:
- (a) retained for a period of at least 28 days and
  - (b) made available on request to a police officer or Authorised Officer of the council.
- (21) The licensee shall provide in a timely fashion copies of any documents reasonably required by an Authorised Officer of the Council in relation to compliance with this licence





# Walsall Council

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1982

### APPLICATION FOR AN ANNUAL SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

To: Licensing Unit, Walsall Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall,  
WS1 1TP

Application for (please tick as appropriate):

Grant       Renewal       Transfer       Variation

1. Application by (please tick as appropriate):

Individual       Corporate or unincorporated body

2. If application is made on behalf of individual, please state:

Full name .....

Maiden name/previous surnames .....

Permanent address .....

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Age ..... Date of Birth ..... Place of birth .....

National Insurance Number ..... Telephone Number .....

Email address .....

Have you been resident in the United Kingdom throughout a period of six months immediately preceding the date of this application?  
(please delete as appropriate) YES/NO



3. If application is made on behalf of a corporate or unincorporated body, please state:

Full name of body ..... CAPITAL LEISURE .....

Address of registered or principal office . . . . . NEWPORT STREET . . . . .  
 . . . . . WALSALL . . . . . WEST MIDLANDS . . . . . WS1 1RZ . . . . .

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If the application is made on behalf of a body corporate, is that body incorporated in the United Kingdom?  YES  NO

Telephone Number .. [REDACTED]

Email address ..... SUKY SAMRA [REDACTED] .....

4. Give full names and private addresses of all Directors or other persons responsible for management of the establishment:

Name ..... MR SUKY SAMRA .....

Age [REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED] Place of birth [REDACTED] .....

Address ... [REDACTED] .....

... [REDACTED] .....

Name .....

Age ..... Date of Birth ..... Place of birth .....

Address .....

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Name .....

Age ..... Date of Birth ..... Place of birth .....

Address .....

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Name .....

Age ..... Date of Birth ..... Place of birth .....

Address .....

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Name .....

Age ..... Date of Birth ..... Place of birth .....

Address .....

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5. Have the applicant or any persons named in this form any convictions? YES/NO

If so, please give details below

Forenames	Surname	Former name (if any)	Date of conviction	Place of conviction	Nature of offence	Sentence

If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet

**NOTE**

(a) All convictions must be disclosed.



6. Full address of premises to be used as a sex establishment

CLUB X: 17 NEWPORT STREET  
WALSALL: WS1 122

If this application relates to a vehicle/vessel/stall, give description and state where it is to be used as a sex establishment

N/A

If applying for a grant, a plan of the building showing all areas to be licensed must be provided.

7. On which days and times do you wish to trade?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
From 1000	From -					
To 0800	To 0800	To 0800	To 0800	To 0500	To 0800	To -

8. If you are applying for a variation of a sex establishment licence what is the nature of the proposed variation? [please provide all relevant information including plan layout if applicable]

N/A

9. Are the premises to be used as a sex shop? YES  NO

10. Are the premises to be used as a sex cinema? YES  NO



11. Are the premises to be used as a sexual entertainment venue?

YES/NO

12. Are you (or, if a corporate or unincorporated body, that body) disqualified from holding a licence for a sex establishment, ever been refused a licence for a sex establishment or been the holder of a sex establishment licence when that licence has been revoked?

YES/NO

If yes, please give details

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#### DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I declare that I have checked the information given on this application form and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is correct.

I declare that none of those applying for the grant of the licence, nor are any Directors of a Limited Company so applying, prohibited from holding a licence under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982.

I declare that I/We have read Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982 and undertake to comply strictly with the terms thereof.

I declare that I/We will give notice in the form supplied by the Council of this application.

- (i) by displaying, as from the date of this application, a Notice on the premises in a place where it can conveniently be read by the public (Form A).
- (ii) by publishing an advertisement in a local newspaper within seven days of this application (Form B).
- (iii) by sending a copy of this application to the Licensing Officer, West Midlands Police, Civic Centre, Walsall, WS1 1TP.

I/We enclose the correct application fee for the grant of a licence for a sex establishment in accordance with the above particulars. Please make cheques



payable to Walsall MBC.

Dated ..... 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 .....

Signature of applicant(s)  .....

N.B. The Council reserve the right to request further particulars.

We will use the information you provide to assess your eligibility for a licence/permit/registration against the published criteria. Walsall Council will only ever create, use, store and or share your data in accordance with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Walsall Council is required by law to protect the public funds it manages. To do this we may use the information you give us to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud and for other lawful purposes. On occasion we may also share information with other council services and other bodies responsible for auditing and administering public funds for these purposes. For more detail regarding how to access a copy of your information, or how the local authority uses and shares your information, please visit the Privacy notice at





# Walsall Council

## Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

NAME

CLLR SUKY SAMRA

A member of

WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Important notes

- (1) The requirement to notify the Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest applies not only to your own interests but also those of your husband/wife/civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, where you are aware that the other person has the interest.

The term "relevant person" therefore means you and any other person referred to above.

- (2) Details of your notified interests will appear in the members' register of interests and will be published on the Council's website, and open to public inspection.
- (3) If you consider that the disclosure of the details of any of your interests could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and you would like to withhold these details from the register of interests, please provide this information to the Monitoring Officer and explain your concerns regarding the disclosure of the sensitive information, including why it is likely to create such a risk. If the Monitoring Officer agrees, the information will not be included in copies of the register made available for inspection, or any published version of the register.
- (4) Please state "none" where appropriate.

*Further explanatory notes are included at the end of this notification.*



**Part A: Employment**

Any employment, office, trade profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain:

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
SAMRAS 27 CALDMORE GREEN WALSALL WS1 1RN	

**Part B: Sponsorship**

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit other than Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council made or provided within the relevant period\* in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of yourself. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

\* "relevant period " means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which you gave a notification for the purposes of Section 30(1) or Section 31(7), as the case may be, of the Localism Act 2011.

NONE
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**Part C: Contracts**

Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest\*) and Walsall Council:

- (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- (b) which has not been fully discharged.

\* "body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

"director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

<b>You</b>	<b>Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners</b>
NONE	NONE

**Part D: Land**

Any beneficial interest in land\* which is within the area of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council.

\* "land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.

<b>You</b>	<b>Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners</b>
2-7 FREER STREET WALSALL WS1 1QF	SAME
	SAME



**Part E: Licences**

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land\* in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.

\*“land” excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.

<b>You</b>	<b>Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners</b>
NONE	NONE

**Part F Corporate tenancies**

Any tenancy where, to your knowledge:

- (a) the tenant is Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council; and
- (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

\* “body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest” means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

“director” includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

“securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description other than money deposited with a building society.



You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
NONE	NONE

**Part G: Securities**

Any beneficial interest in securities\* of a body where:

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council; and
- (b) either:
  - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 (face value) or one hundredth (1/100th) of the total issued share capital of that body; or
  - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\* "securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
NONE	NONE



**Part H: Other Registerable Interests**

Any interest in any activity which is or could be related to the business of the Council. These include:

- any position (for example, as trustee, governor, or unpaid director) that may have influence in any charitable or voluntary organisation, including:
- any to which you are nominated or appointed by the Council; and
- any position of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

NONE
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**Part I: Declarations**

**Important:** It is a criminal offence to fail to notify the Monitoring Officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest (DPIs). This requirement arises in each of the following circumstances:

- (a) before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which you become a member or co-opted member of the authority (s30(1) Localism Act 2011);
- (b) where the DPI is not entered in the authority’s register and is not the subject of a pending notification, but is disclosed at a meeting of the authority (or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee) as required by s31(2) of the Localism Act, within 28 days beginning with the date of the disclosure (s31(3) Localism Act 2011);
- (c) where the DPI is not entered in the authority’s register and is not the subject of a pending notification, with 28 days beginning with the date when you become aware that you have a DPI in any matter to be dealt with, or being dealt with, by you acting alone in the course of discharging of a function of the authority (s31(7) Localism Act 2011).

It is also a criminal offence to knowingly provide information that is false or misleading (or being reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading).

In addition to the above, the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for members which requires you to notify the Monitoring Officer



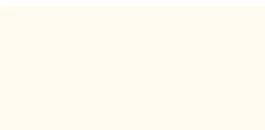
of any DPIs before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the code takes effect. Failure to comply with this requirement would not in itself be a criminal offence, but could render you liable to action being taken against you under the Code.

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this form is complete and correct.

Name: CLLR Suky Samra	Signed: <i>Suky Samra</i>
	Date: 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

*This form is to be returned direct to the Monitoring Officer.*

This declaration has been registered by me:

Monitoring Officer		Date: ...27.06.22.....
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### Personal Register of Interests

DATE OF NOTICE	RECEIPT BY MONITORING OFFICER	VIEW
14 June 2022	27 June 2022	<a href="#">VIEW</a>

### Meeting Declarations

COMMITTEE NAME	MEETING DATE	NATURE	VIEW
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Official copy  
of register of  
title

Title number WM452791

Edition date 01.09.2022

- This official copy shows the entries on the register of title on 13 MAR 2023 at 15:23:52.
- This date must be quoted as the "search from date" in any official search application based on this copy.
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- Issued on 13 Mar 2023.
- Under s.67 of the Land Registration Act 2002, this copy is admissible in evidence to the same extent as the original.
- This title is dealt with by HM Land Registry, Coventry Office.

## A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

WEST MIDLANDS : WALSALL

- 1 (29.12.1988) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being 17 Newport Street, Walsall (WS1 1RZ).
- 2 The mines and minerals together with ancillary powers of working are excepted.

## B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

- 1 29.12.1988 PROPRIETOR: HARMINDER SINGH SAMRA of [redacted]

End of register



The electronic official copy of the register follows this message.

Please note that this is the only official copy we will issue. We will not issue a paper official copy.





# Walsall Council

## Democratic Services

Date: 16 March 2023

Capital Leisure  
The Colliseum Nightclub,  
Corner of 23 Bradford Street and 17 Newport Street,  
Walsall,  
WS1 1RZ

Sent via email to: [capital.leisure@yahoo.com](mailto:capital.leisure@yahoo.com)

### Interim Steps Hearing pursuant to s. 53B of the Licensing Act 2003 and Reg 3(2) of the Licensing Act (Hearings Regulations) 2005

In relation to premises known as and situated at The Colliseum Nightclub, Corner of 23 Bradford Street and 17 Newport Street, Walsall, WS1 1RZ (Premises Licence Number WS/PRL/0242).

Also trading as Valesha's night club on the ground floor and Savannah's Gentlemen's Club on the first floor of the premises.

Remote hearing before the Licensing Sub Committee of Walsall Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**DETERMINATION:** to immediately suspend the premises licence as an interim step pending the determination of the review.

The matter was heard by:

Cllr A Nawaz (Chairman)  
Cllr K Hussain  
Cllr C Bott

In attendance:

[1] for the police  
Gary Grant, Barrister  
PC Ben Reader

Democratic Services  
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council  
The Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP  
Tel: 01922 650000  
Textphone: 0845 111 2910



Jennifer Mellor  
Superintendent Parvez Mohammed

[2] for Capital Leisure  
Harpal Singh Samra, Solicitor

[3] Observers  
Martin Bell  
Valesha Anderson (DPS)  
Jonathan Underhill, Barrister for Vision Leisure

[4] Council Officers  
Sayful Alom (Licensing Team Leader)  
Iqbal Javed (Legal Services, Observer)  
Sarah Heath (Licensing Team, Observer)

The premises licence for The Colliseum Nightclub, Corner of 23 Bradford Street and 17 Newport Street, Walsall, WS1 1RZ (t/a Valesha's and Savannah's Gentlemen's Club) is held by 'Capital Leisure' which is described in the police application as a Partnership. The licence was previously held by Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra (aka Mr Suky Samra). The transfer from Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra to Capital Leisure took effect in July 2022. Since the transfer the licensing authority has continued to engage with Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra. The premises has been licensed since the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

The current DPS is Mr Valesha Anderson.

This summary review arises from a tragic incident in the early hours of Saturday 11 March 2023 where a young man, was killed inside the premises. The police are pursuing a murder investigation. The Licensing Sub Committee ("LSC") extend their condolences to the young mans' family and friends.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (18:30) the licensing authority received a certificate from Chief Supt Phil Dolby certifying that pursuant to s. 53A(1)(b) he is of the opinion that the premises are associated with both serious crime and serious disorder.

Accordingly, the Officer makes an application for a summary licence review. The application described the nature of the premises. The is one premises licence but two operations take place at the premises. One on the ground floor (Valesha's night club) and one on the first floor (Savannah's Gentlemen's Club). Both operations are



managed together. During the hearing Mr Grant stressed that the suspension is sought for the whole of the premises.

The police application states that disorder on the premises resulted in a young man being stabbed. The police application states that gang nominals (i.e. persons believed to be gang members) have frequented the premises in the past and were present on the night of the disorder and death.

The police application highlights the following condition on the premises licence which states: "Routine searches will take place to ensure that no illegal substances or weapons are brought into the club." During the hearing Mr Grant highlighted a voluntary agreement between the DPS and management that there would be no entry to the premises after. Mr Grant states that the suspect group entered the premises at and that the incident that led to the death of this young man was at around.

Members have been supplied with two witness statements and a timeline. The witness statements are by (i) PC Ben Reader (Police Licensing Officer) (dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023) and (ii) Jennifer Mellor (Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer) (dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023). The timeline was received on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 it is brief and redacted; it is titled "Timeline relating to Valesha's" but seems to also be concerned with the operation of Savannah's. The timeline document also attaches an image of a bladed weapon that is located on the top of a door frame beneath a sign that reads: "THESE PREMISES ARE OPEARTED BY CAPITAL LEISURE PLC".

The police have requested that due to the on-going murder investigation the documentary submissions are to be treated as exempt information under para 7 of part 1 of Sch 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the hearing is held in private pursuant to Reg 14(2) of the Licensing Act (Hearings Regulations) 2005. However, at the outset of the hearing the Premises Licence Holder made it clear that it was not opposing the police application for suspension. Both the Police and Premises Licence Holder's representative agreed that they could both avoid (for this hearing) sensitive details relating to the murder investigation. Members welcomed this indication, in particular given the high level of public interest in the circumstances of this summary review.

At the hearing the police raised an additional issue. The police are keen to establish who is in control of the premises. Members agreed that this is an important consideration. In their deliberations Members reminded themselves that during the initial introductions Mr Martin Bell introduced himself and Valesha Anderson (who



were sharing one screen) saying: "we were running Valesha's at the time of the incident".

Mr Grant asked the LSC to request that the Premises Licence Holder to specify what is the nature of 'Capital Leisure' and who are the partners.

Cllr Nawaz (Chairman LSC) asked the legal representative of the Premises Licence Holder to deal with the matter of ownership and control as part of his representations. Mr Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor for Capital Leisure) stated that the building was owned by his father, Mr Harminder Singh since 1988. That 'Capital Leisure' was a partnership operated by Mr Harminder Singh and his mother Karamjit Kaur. He also stated that a lease had been granted to Vision Leisure sometime in November 2022.

Mr Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor for Capital Leisure) also responded to two questions from the LSC legal advisor. The records for the premises licence show that the premises licence was held in the name of Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra (aka Mr Suky Samra) and since the transfer to Capital Leisure he has continued to be the main point of contact for the licensing authority. Mr Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor for Capital Leisure) responded it is normal for Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra to undertake duties for his mum and dad.

Secondly Mr Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor for Capital Leisure) was asked about the Sexual Entertainment Venue ("SEV") licence pursuant to the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982 which was also transferred to Capital Leisure an unincorporated body from Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra to Capital Leisure in 2013. The sole director of Capital Leisure for the purposes of the 1982 Act is Mr Sukhbir Singh Samra. The 1982 Act requires that any application should provide the full names and private addresses of the directors or other persons responsible for its management. Mr Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor for Capital Leisure) states that he was unaware of the arrangements for the SEV licence.

Mr Grant informed the LSC that the police will be writing to the licensing authority separately to this review process to seek the cancellation of the SEV licence. Members noted that this is not a matter for this LSC to take into consideration.

The LSC heard from the legal representative for Capital Leisure, he confirmed that there was no objection to the suspension of the premises licence pending the review and that he supported the police application. The LSC welcomed the cooperation by Capital Leisure in this regards.



The LSC considered that the death of any young person a serious matter. Further the death of a young person because of a bladed article on one of its licensed premises is of a most serious nature.

The LSC are also gravely concerned by the lack of clarity and lack of transparency as to the overall control of the premises and the premises licence. Despite the efforts of Mr Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor for Capital Leisure) to assist Members remain unclear about the nature of the ownership of the Premises licence, and the management and operation/s of the premises.

The LSC unanimously agreed that the interim step of suspension, for the entire building, should be immediately imposed as the most appropriate course of action on the premises licence until the review hearing which it scheduled to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 10:30 at the Council Offices. The LSC agreed with the police that immediate suspension of the premises licence was the safest course of action to secure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The LSC had regard to the relevant portions of the s.182 Guidance and its own statement of licensing policy in its decision-making process.

An outline decision was sent to the police and premises licence holder via e-mail at 12:10pm on 16th March 2023.

Yours faithfully,



Councillor Aftab Nawaz  
Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee

**CC:** West Midlands Police  
Harpal Singh Samra (Solicitor)  
Walsall Council Licensing Team



# Section Four





# Walsall Council

## Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

#### I Chief Officer of Police – West Midlands Police

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

#### Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> Samras 24 Caldmore Green West Midlands	
<b>Post town</b> Walsall	<b>Post code (if known)</b> WS1 3RN
<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Mr Harminder Singh Samra	
<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> WS/PRL/0644	

#### Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates  
(please complete (A) below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (fill in as applicable)

Please tick  yes

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

Please tick  yes

**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address Chief Officer of Police West Midlands Police  Licensing Department Partnership Office Walsall Police Station Green lane Walsall WS2 8HL
Telephone number (if any) <b>0345 113 5000</b>
E-mail address (optional)

**This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

- |                                         |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                         | Please tick one or more boxes ✓     |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)**

Over a period of six months, Walsall Police Station Licensing Department have documented a series of incidents at Samras licensed premises, which cause Walsall Licensing Department serious cause for concern.

As a consequence of this, the only viable option is to now take these premises to a formal review hearing under the Licensing Act 2003

The grounds for the review application are that the premises license holder are not promoting the following licensing objectives.

- 1) The prevention of Crime and disorder
- 2) Public safety
- 3) Prevention of public nuisance
- 4) The protection of children from harm

### **2nd November 2013**

On the above date at 03:20 hours a treble nine call was received to Walsall Police Station stating a large fight was in progress. It is known two rival organised crime gangs met at Samras causing the large disturbance. Samras Club was attended by forensic scene investigator to photograph blood splattering, after three males received facial injuries. Very similarly to the incident dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Samras staff have failed to intervene with the upholding of the licensing objectives. Early intervention or a greater awareness of the atmosphere inside the premises may have prevented the disorder.

### **8th November 2013**

Following the incident on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Samras, an informal agreement was agreed between Walsall Police Licensing department and its owners to close at 01:00 hours on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013, in a partnership effort to avoid any further crime and disorder. However Sgt [redacted] has submitted a statement to the Licensing department stating after speaking to its owner on the evening, Samras was still going to be open for business until 03:00 hours. The licensee was reminded of the agreement and he agreed to close for business at 02:00 instead. Samras actually closed at 02:15 hours that morning.

Sgt [redacted] will provide a statement to the effect that he advised the owner (Mr Samra) that should any further incident occur which are detrimental to the licensing objectives, the premises license could be subject to a review.

This incident demonstrates the owner's lack of responsibility not only towards the licensing objectives but the partnership working approach with Walsall Police.

### **6<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

On Friday 6 December Walsall Police together jointly with Trading Standards performed a 'Test Purchase operation at licensed premises across the Walsall Borough. At 20:45 hours on this date a fifteen year old girl purchased alcohol at Samras licensed premises. Failing the licensing objective of Child safety.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013**

On the above date at 02:59 hours, a treble nine call was received to Walsall Police Station, stating the licensed premises named Samras were currently playing excessively loud music for over two hours. In addition to loud music, patrons of Samras were shouting noisily outside the premises. Clearly Samras premises on this occasion was causing distress to local residents, resulting in a telephone call to police. Walsall Council Environmental Health were also informed regarding the noise disturbance.

### **20<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

On the above date at 02:52 hours, a treble nine call was received to Walsall Police station stating a fight was occurring inside Samras licensed premises. A female had attacked another female in the ladies toilet using her shoe heel causing a substantial injury to the head. The incident caused Grievous Bodily Harm to the injured female.

### **11<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

On the above date at 02:24 hours, a call was received to Walsall Police Station, stating licensed premises Samras was playing excessively loud music and the volume of music could be heard inside the callers address, which was not acceptable. Similarly to the incident on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 Samras premises on this occasion was causing distress to local residents. Walsall Council Environmental Health were informed regarding the noise disturbance.

### **17<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

On the above date at 22:50 hours a call was received to Walsall Police Station, stating four males had been smashing glasses and bottles inside Samras licensed premises. Once outside Samras licensed premises one of the males attempted to smash a bottle over the callers head. The males had left the premises prior to police arrival.

### **7<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

On the above date at 02:24 hours a call was received to Walsall Police Station via the Ambulance Service stating a male had been attacked causing his ear to become partially detached from his head. The injured male had been drinking to excess and intervened in a game of pool. The persons playing pool were not connected to the injured male. Evidence would suggest the injured male was served alcohol in a drunken state and no action was taken by Samras staff to intervene in the dispute concerning the pool table, which I believe would have prevented this serious injury. We believe the licensing objectives are not being upheld on a daily basis and this incident simply highlights bad practise of Samras licensed premises.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)**

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them**  
n/a

Please tick ✓

yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate x
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected x

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 4)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

.....

Date

.....

Capacity **Walsall Police Station Licensing Officer**

.....

<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application</b> (please read guidance note 6)	
<b>Post town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>	
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)</b>	

**Notes for Guidance**

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.



## Determination

The Committee were presented with the report of the Interim Regulatory Manager, which referred to the application made by the Chief Officer of Police and the representations made in support of the Police application by the Council's Environmental Health Noise Team.

The concerns of West Midlands Police were presented by [redacted] and [redacted]

It was submitted by West Midlands Police that the application for review had been made on the basis that the Licence holder namely Mr Harminder Singh Samra was failing to promote the four licensing objectives namely, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm in operating his establishment.

The police submitted that over a period of 6 months they had documented a series of violent incidents occurring both in and around the immediate vicinity of Samras and moreover during the same period, numerous complaints had been received from local residents relating to excessive noise emanating from the premises.

The police referred to the following incidents:

- 23/06/13 – report of loud music
- 20/07/13 – alleged assault upon female in toilet area of premises
- 11/08/13 – report of loud music by resident.
- 17/08/13– alleged violent incident involving four males smashing glasses and bottles inside the licensed premises
- 07/09/13 – allegation that a male had sustained serious injury to his ear, possibly outside the premises. However police maintain that the injured male had been served alcohol despite his obvious intoxication, furthermore staff at the premises failed to make early intervention which may have prevented the incident.
- 02/11/13 – allegation that two organised crime gangs met at Samras causing a large disturbance, police maintained that once again Samras staff failed to intervene early which may have prevented the disorder.
- 08/11/13 – In response to the incident on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 police arranged with Samras to close earlier than otherwise licensed in order to avoid further disturbance but despite agreement police alleged Samras failed to close at the agreed time.
- 06/12/13 – Trading Standards performed a test purchase operation that Samras failed as alcohol was sold to a 15 year old boy.

The Environmental Health Noise team supported the police application by making reference to a 'Chronology of Noise History.' The chronology included dates when officers had observed statutory noise nuisances and made reference to a Noise Warning letter being issued to Samras on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, a Noise Abatement Notice being served on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and a Breach of Abatement Notice being served on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013.



In response to the issues made by both the police and Environmental Health Noise Team Mr Suki Samra referred to Evidence Bundles 1 and 2 that he supplied to the Committee and made representations on behalf of his father Mr Harminder Singh Samra.. Mr Samra (Jnr) initially stated that in relation to the telephone calls made to the police concerning noise nuisance, it was not inconceivable that those calls had been made maliciously. Mr Samra (Jnr) also challenged the information put forward by the police regarding the allegations of incidents of violence occurring at the premises.

Mr Samra (Jnr) went on to explain the numerous changes that had been more recently implemented at the Samras premises. In relation to the allegations of excessive noise emanating from the main function room, he advised that functions where DJ's for example came in with their own equipment they were now required to plug into the noise limiter fitted within the premises. In addition, regular checks were being made by members of staff around the boundary of the premises to ensure that noise was being contained. Mr Samra (Jnr) highlighted that the proof that the action taken to eliminate the noise issues had been effective, was evidenced by the fact that no further complaints had been received since September 2013. Mr Samra (Jnr) also stated that the individuals involved in the incident on the 7<sup>th</sup> September had been banned from Samras and that Samras had got rid of the old door staff and the new door staff employed were a lot more vigilant and now prevented large groups from entering the premises.

The Committee having considered carefully all the information and representations put before it were satisfied that the incidents over the 6 months period referred to and forming the basis of the review, had indeed occurred. It was apparent to the Committee that there were lapses in the requirements of the DPS/Manager of the premises ( Mr Harminder Samra) in ensuring that adequate provisions were in place to promote the four licensing objectives.

However, the Committee noted that the Mr Harminder Samra had in excess of 20 years experience and that by comparison there had been only a small number of incidents over this period. The Committee also acknowledged that steps had now been taken to remedy the concerns raised.

The Committee were therefore of the view that it would be a disproportionate sanction to revoke the premises license at this juncture but felt it was appropriate to issue a formal warning in relation to the incidents that had occurred. The Committee made the observation, that if any further incidents were to occur, then matters may well be referred for review once again with a totally different determination being made.



**Determination: Formal Warning.**

The applicant for the review, the holder of the premises licence, or any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application may appeal to the Magistrates Court under Section 181 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The appeal must be commenced by notice of appeal within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the Applicant was notified by the Licensing Authority of the decision appealed against.



**Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence Number: WS/PRL/1093**

(Walsall Council reference WK/201714352)

**Part 1 – Premises details**

**Postal address of premises, or if none, Ordnance Survey map reference or description**

66 Bradford Street  
Walsall  
West Midlands  
WS1 3QD

**Telephone number of premises**

**Where the licence is time limited the dates**

The licence is not time limited

**Subject to the conditions set out in this licence and its annexes, the following licensable activities are licensed:**

Live Music  
Recorded Music  
Performance of dance  
Anything similar to Live/Recorded Music or Dance  
Late Night Refreshment  
Alcohol Sales

**The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities**

Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance, Anything Similar to Live or Recorded Music.

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 03:30  
Non-Standard: New Years Eve Until 05:00

Alcohol Sales:

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 03:00  
Non-Standard: New Years Eve Until 05:00

Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Sunday 23:00 – 03:00  
Non-Standard: New Years Eve Until 05:00



**The opening hours of the premises**

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 03:30

Non Standard: New Years Eve Open Until 05:00

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

Only "On"

**Part 2 – Details of Licence Holder**

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

Capital Leisure  
17 Newport Street  
Walsall  
West Midlands  
WS1 1RZ

Work: 01922 515 007

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

Not applicable

**Part 3 – Details of Designated Premises Supervisor**

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

Harminder Singh Samra



**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

Personal Licence Number – WS/PEL/0816  
Licensing Authority - Walsall MBC

**Part 4 – Licence approval**

**Approved on behalf of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council**

Dr Barbara Watt  
Director of Public Health

Effective from: 5th October 2017



## Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

### The following conditions apply where relevant:

#### Conditions that apply to the sale of Alcohol:

No supply of alcohol may be made under this licence;

- (a) At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of this licence, or
- (b) at a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a personal Licence or his/her personal licence is suspended

Every supply of alcohol under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

#### Conditions that apply to Security:

Each individual at the premises in order to carry out security activity must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

#### Conditions that apply to the exhibition of films:

Where a film classification body has specified that the exhibition of a film is restricted, the admission of children to the film must be restricted in accordance with the recommendations of that body.

#### Mandatory Licensing Conditions (Amendment) Order 2014

1. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—
  - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
    - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
    - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
  - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing



- objective;
- (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
  - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
2. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
3. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
  - (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—
    - (a) a holographic mark, or
    - (b) an ultraviolet feature.
4. The responsible person must ensure that—
- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
    - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
    - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
    - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
  - (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material



- which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.”

### **Mandatory Licensing Conditions Order 2014**

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
2. In this condition:-
  - (a) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula  $P = D + (D \times V)$ , where—
    - (i) P is the permitted price,
    - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
    - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
  - (b) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
  - (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence—
    - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
    - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
    - (ii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
  - (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
  - (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
3. Where the permitted price would not be a whole number of pennies, the permitted price shall be taken to be the price rounded up to the nearest penny.
4. Where the permitted price on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax, the permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.



**Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

Live Music Indoors Only			
Day	Start	Finish	New Years Eve Until 05:00
Mon	10:00	03:30	
Tues	10:00	03:30	
Wed	10:00	03:30	
Thurs	10:00	03:30	
Fri	10:00	03:30	
Sat	10:00	03:30	
Sun	10:00	03:30	

Recorded Music Indoors Only			
Day	Start	Finish	New Years Eve Until 05:00
Mon	10:00	03:30	
Tues	10:00	03:30	
Wed	10:00	03:30	
Thurs	10:00	03:30	
Fri	10:00	03:30	
Sat	10:00	03:30	
Sun	10:00	03:30	



Performance of dance Indoors Only			
Day	Start	Finish	New Years Eve Until 05:00
Mon	10:00	03:30	
Tues	10:00	03:30	
Wed	10:00	03:30	
Thurs	10:00	03:30	
Fri	10:00	03:30	
Sat	10:00	03:30	
Sun	10:00	03:30	

Any Activity Similar to Live or Recorded Music or Performance of Dance Indoors Only			
Day	Start	Finish	New Years Eve Until 05:00
Mon	10:00	03:30	
Tues	10:00	03:30	
Wed	10:00	03:30	
Thurs	10:00	03:30	
Fri	10:00	03:30	
Sat	10:00	03:30	
Sun	10:00	03:30	



Late Night Refreshment Indoors Only			
Day	Start	Finish	New Years Eve Until 05:00
Mon	23:00	03:00	
Tues	23:00	03:00	
Wed	23:00	03:00	
Thurs	23:00	03:00	
Fri	23:00	03:00	
Sat	23:00	03:00	
Sun	23:00	03:00	

Alcohol Sales On the Premises			
Day	Start	Finish	New Years Eve Until 05:00
Mon	10:00	03:00	
Tues	10:00	03:00	
Wed	10:00	03:00	
Thurs	10:00	03:00	
Fri	10:00	03:00	
Sat	10:00	03:00	
Sun	10:00	03:00	



Opening Hours N/A			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	New Years Eve Until 05:00
<b>Mon</b>	10:00	03:30	
<b>Tues</b>	10:00	03:30	
<b>Wed</b>	10:00	03:30	
<b>Thurs</b>	10:00	03:30	
<b>Fri</b>	10:00	03:30	
<b>Sat</b>	10:00	03:30	
<b>Sun</b>	10:00	03:30	

**The following adult entertainment or services, activities or other matters ancillary to the use of the premises that might give rise to concern in respect of children have been highlighted by the applicant:**

None

**Conditions volunteered by the applicant in order to promote the licensing objectives:**

(a) General – all four licensing objectives

The designated premises supervisor is take all necessary steps to ensure the prevention of crime and disorder, protect public safety, prevent nuisance and protect children from harm.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

**CCTV**  
 CCTV is to be installed internally and externally.  
 Recordings will be kept for 31 days and meet the UK Police requirements for digital CCTV systems.

CCTV recording will be operational at all times.  
 All images are to be made available to any responsible authority within a reasonable time.  
 All times and dates to be visible and accurate.  
 Sufficient staff should be trained in the use of the equipment to ensure that at least one person is on duty at all times to operate the system.

**Staff Training**  
 Written training records are to be kept for all staff and these should be made available to any of the responsible authorities upon a reasonable request.



Training should be conducted by a Personal Licence Holder or recognised training provider.

Training should take place at regular intervals, and in particular when there are changes in the law.

Patrons will be subject to random searches.

Flood lighting to be installed externally.

In the event of any difficulties that cannot be controlled by the DPS, the Police will be called.

A Drugs policy to be implemented and available on request for inspection.

The policy will include:

Customers should know that the venue has an absolute zero tolerance in relation to misuse of any form of drugs, Signs will be displayed to emphasise this.

Any persons suspected of being in possession of any unlawful drugs will be asked to submit to a search prior to entering the premises and refused entry if drugs are found.

Any person within the premises suspected of being in possession of any unlawful drugs will be asked to submit to a search prior to entering the premises and refused entry if drugs are found. If they decline to a search, they will be removed from the premises.

If any minor possession is discovered under these circumstances, the suspect drugs will be seized and the individual removed from the premises.

If a large quantity is discovered, the individual will be detained and the police called.

Seized drugs will be logged and stored in compliance with local Police policy.

Regular checks will be made of the premises, particularly toilet areas to discourage any drug related activity.

SIA door staff will be employed from Friday to Saturday from 9pm to closing.

Door supervisor profiles will be retained at the premises and be made available for inspection on request by responsible authorities.

A profile will consist of proof of ID (copy of passport or driving licence, and SIA badge, and proof of address).

Door supervisors working at the premises are to sign on when they are on duty and off when they finish.

An incident book will be kept on the premises and available for inspection at all times.

Member of PUBWATCH.

### Public Safety

All electrical installations are to be maintained to a standard required by the British Safety regulations and regular checks to be taken.

There are to be fire extinguishers located and maintained annually.

Fire Alarm will be installed and maintained annually.

Appropriate Fire Exits to be installed and kept clear at all times.

Emergency exit signs to be illuminated.

Regular checks will be made in the premises and outside to ensure that bottles and glasses are regularly cleared away.

### The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Careful monitoring of personnel as they leave the premises is to be carried out with the assistance of CCTV.

DPS will ensure the external smoking areas are kept clear of empty drinking vessels.



Windows and doors to be shut at all times.  
Signage to remind customers to leave quietly.

**The Protection of Children from harm**

All customers subject to Challenge 25 policy and only accept the following forms of ID, Passport, Driving licence and a PASS proof of age card.  
Regular staff training and implementation of Age verification policy.  
Refusals book to be kept on the premises at all times and will be made available to all responsible authorities upon request.  
If the premises wishes to operate any event for persons under the age of 18, then the DPS must notify in writing the Licensing department at Walsall Police Station at least 28 days before such an event.

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**Conditions agreed by the applicant following mediation**

Conditions agreed with West Midlands Police – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
CCTV to be kept for 31 days.  
Additional CCTV cameras on the ground floor table area, bar area and smoking area.

**Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

None

**Annex 4 – Plans**

Plans detailing those aspects of the premise covered by this Licence form part of this Licence and are attached.

**End of annexes**



# Section Five



PREMISES ARE  
OPERATED BY  
CAPITAL LEISURE  
PLC

**WARNING**  
Additional Local Licences may  
be obtained  
within 24 hours of closing





## Be Safe - Colliseum

[REDACTED]

Fri 01/11/2019 23:13

[REDACTED]

Hi All

I wanted to make you aware of the incident that has taken place tonight whilst myself and [REDACTED] who have been out on the be safe visits with the police.

In light of this being run by Councillor Samra and he being on duty tonight. I wanted to email you and let you know that upon arrival at the site at 21.47 pm myself [REDACTED] and two police officers were outside waiting for the door to be opened. Above the door entry on the plinth was what we thought to be a torch. However on closer inspection by the police officers it was found to be a 3 in 1 taser weapon, This included a torch, extended into a baton and a tazer on the end. It has been seized the police who spoke to councillor samra who advised it was nothing to do with his premises.

The police have taken this item and have had to put into evidence for the fire arms team to deal with tomorrow. The incident will be followed up by the police and upon my return on Tuesday I shall liaise with [REDACTED] police licensing officer to see whether any further action will be taken.

I wanted to make you aware in light of the political nature and with councillor samra being there when we visited tonight. I have sent the email to yourselves in light of Lorraine being on annual leave.

When I am back in the office I will fill in whatever necessary paperwork I need to however felt that this couldn't really wait until I was back in on Tuesday.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Walsall Council  
2nd floor Zone 2H Civic centre  
Darwall Street  
Walsall  
WS1 1TP

[REDACTED]

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NITE Friday

Jordan Law-Edwards

Fri 01/11/2019 23:31

Tasar recovered the previous weekend - 25th / 26th October 19.  
Following a disorder.

2 attachments

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Hope your well,

For your info when conducting the walk through last night at coliseum I noticed a rather large torch above the doorway. (Image attached) I picked it up had a fiddle and turns out it was a dry stun taser. (Attached a video and its on evidence.com)

When I spoke to the licensee (didn't give me his details but [redacted] id he is a councillor?) Before I showed it him I asked if he supplied equipment to his guards and he stated they carry their own torches! He later stated that he thinks it was taken of a customer last week but could not explain who, when or why the police were not called. I asked if CCTV covered where it was and he said no however I went and looked and there was a large camera. He followed this by stating it's a live feed camera only and does not record [redacted] I've seized it and its booked into DP (firearms cabinet) as directed by YM for AFO's to make safe.

Cheers!

**Jordan Law-Edwards**  
Police Constable – 23245  
St Matthew's – Team 3

**Walsall**

West Midlands Police

Tel: 101 ext 8XX XXXX

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Door Staff  
CCTV.

NHT officers  
Community Protection



# Section Six





# Walsall Council

## FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

**Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

**I Chief Supt Phil Dolby [on behalf of] the chief officer of Police for the West Midlands Police area**

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.**

**1. Premises details:**

**Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:**

**Corner of 23 Bradford Street and 17 Newport Street**

**Post town: Walsall,  
West Midlands**

**Post code (if known): WS1 1RZ**

**2. Premises licence details:**

**Name of premises licence holder (if known):**

**Capital Leisure (A Partnership)  
7 Newport Street**

**Walsall  
West Midlands  
WS1 1RZ**

**Number of premises licence (if known): WS/PRL/0242**

**3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 [Please read guidance note 1].**

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.  
(Please tick the box to confirm)

**4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:**

[Please read guidance note 2].

Valesha's Nightclub is situated in Walsall town centre on the corner of Newport and Bradford Street. It was formally known as "The Colliseum Nightclub".

The premises operates as a night club on the ground floor with a lap dancing club trading as "Savannah's Gentlemen's Club" on the first floor which has the additional benefit of a sex establishment licence. However both venues trade under the same premises licence. Although there are separate entrances, customers visiting either venue presently enter and exit from the same door. During COVID-19 this club closed in accordance with guidance only to re-open again in December 2022 with new tenants. Since re-opening the premises has therefore only been operating for some 4 months prior to the trigger incident for this summary review.

Shortly after 05:00 hrs on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 police were called to attend Valesha's Nightclub to a report of an assault and a disorder.

The disorder took place inside of the premises, whilst it was trading. During this disorder, a male was tragically killed after being stabbed

WMP have started a murder investigation and enquiries are ongoing. At this stage there is limited information that can be disclosed in these licensing proceedings given the sensitivity of the investigation.

There is a condition on the premises licence which states "Routine searches will take place to ensure that no illegal substances or weapons are brought into the club".

From the limited footage that licensing officers have viewed so far, they have raised immediate concerns to me that the premises were not complying with this condition, and that not all customers were searched on entry.

I am also aware that this venue is historically frequented by gang nominals (i.e. persons believed to be gang members). I have also been informed that it is believed that gang nominals have again started to frequent this location and some gang nominals were present on the night of the murder.

There are obvious breaches of licence conditions that are directly related to the trigger incident for this review.

Significant further investigations are required, and WMP request the immediate suspension of this premises licence as an interim step as there are genuine concerns for public safety and the crime and disorder objective if this premises were to remain open.

Due to the sensitivities of this case, and in order to not prejudice the murder investigation, further information will be added in statements from licensing officers. The police will ask for this further information not to be disclosed to the public and only heard in private session.

**Signature of applicant:**



**Date:** 14th MARCH 2022

**Capacity:** CU SUPT, WALSALL POLICE

**Contact details for matters concerning this application:**

**Address:** c/o BLOOMING POLICE STATION

**Telephone number(s):**

**Email:**

**Notes for guidance:**

1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.  
Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:
  - conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
  - conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.Serious disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.
2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.



# West Midlands Police

## CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A (1)(B) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I Chief Supt Phil Dolby hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with both serious crime and serious disorder.

**Premises: The Colliseum Nightclub (now trading as Valeshas Nightclub on ground floor and Savannah's Gentlemen's Club on first floor)**

**Address: 17 Newport Street, Walsall WS1 1RZ**

**Premise Licence Number: WS/PRL/0242**

**Premise Licence Holder: Capital Leisure (A Partnership)**

**Designated Premise Supervisor: Valesha Anderson**

**I am a Chief Superintendent in West Midlands Police.**

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that the summary review procedure is necessary to ensure the licensing objectives are promoted expeditiously. Given the seriousness of the trigger incident on 11 March 2023, which involved a homicide with a weapon and the inadequacy of measures taken by the operators on the night of the incident which include an apparent breach of the search condition on the premises licence, in my opinion immediate steps are required that can best be achieved through the summary review procedures. Other steps available under the Licensing Act 2003, including a standard review application, cannot lead to the imposition of immediately effective steps to promote the licensing objectives and so these are inadequate. I view this application as a proportionate and necessary response to the serious incident at the venue.

In coming to my opinion I have had regard to the facts of the incident and current investigation, the track record of the premises, the terms of section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 and Chapter 12 ("Summary Reviews") of the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (December 2022 revision).

Signed:

 CU Supt 3398 DOLBY

Dated:

TUES 14th MARCH 2023





Public Spaces Protection Order  
Number 1 of 2020 "Walsall Town Centre"

**Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council in exercise of its powers under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, having had particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the Convention, makes the following order:**

**Public Spaces Protection Order: Section 59 Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Section 59 Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Date 22 September 2020

The restricted area covered by this Public Spaces Protection Order is edged in red on the map attached to this Order. All the provisions of the Order, save for prohibition 2, apply throughout the restricted area. Within the restricted area is an area shown hatched in blue which is the market place. Prohibition 2 of the Order applies to the area hatched in blue.

It is ordered that in this restricted area:-

1. No person shall remain in a shop, betting office, or food outlet so as, without reasonable excuse, to cause harassment, alarm, or distress.
2. No person shall remain at Walsall Market, shown hatched in blue on the map so as, without reasonable excuse, to cause harassment, alarm, or distress.
3. No person without reasonable excuse shall in a public place use a hypodermic needle to inject themselves or another.
4. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, throw down, drop or otherwise deposit and leave in any public place a hypodermic needle or other drug paraphernalia.
5. No person shall beg in a manner so as to cause harassment alarm or distress.
6. No person shall remain in a bus station, a bus shelter, at the cenotaph or in the doorway of any building so as, without reasonable excuse, to cause harassment, alarm, or distress.
7. No person shall consume alcohol.
8. No person shall consume any psychoactive substances.
9. No person shall, except in a lavatory, urinate or defecate in a public place.

**It is ordered that the following specified things are done by persons carrying on specified activities in this restricted area**







**It is a criminal offence for a person, without reasonable excuse:-**

- (a) to do anything, save for consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order, that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or**
- (b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.**

**A person guilty of the above offence is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000.**

**Offence of consumption of alcohol in breach of prohibition in order**

**A constable or authorised person may require a person not to consume, in breach of a public spaces protection order alcohol or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol.**

**A constable or authorised person may require a person to surrender anything in their possession which is or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.**

**A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a constable or an authorised person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.**

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the following activities carried on in the above restricted area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality:-

1. Persons causing distress to others by remaining in shops, betting offices and food outlets causing harassment, alarm or distress. There are numerous reports of often intoxicated individuals behaving anti-socially in a number of retail and other premises within the prohibited area and refusing to leave. Premises which they refuse to leave include Poundland in Digbeth, B and M Bargains, Boots in Park Street, and Coop.
2. Persons Causing harassment, alarm and distress at Walsall Market Place. Significant problems have been experienced by market stallholders both during market opening hours and when they are setting up and dismantling their stalls. These include persons under the influence and who are drunk and asleep, lying on the stalls being present when market traders arrive to set up. These persons then confront the stallholders and cause them discomfort. Urine and pools of vomit have also been reported as has discarded drug paraphernalia including used which may result in injury. Traders have witnessed people under the influence of alcohol urinate on market furniture. Groups of individuals who gather and consume alcohol around the Market and a vacant stall intimidating those in the vicinity and fighting amongst themselves. Offensive weapons being seen used by individuals have also been reported. Market stallholders report feeling scared and vulnerable.
3. The injection of drugs in view of the public. Numerous reports have been received of individuals openly injecting themselves at various locations within the prohibited area. These include issues referred to



above in the Market Place where individuals have been witnessed pulling down trousers to inject themselves in their buttocks.

4. The leaving of hypodermic needles and drug paraphernalia in such a way as to be a danger to others. Further to the evidence referred to above, reports have been received of discarded needles at a number of locations within the prohibited area. These include the Market Place, the customer entrance of Boots and customer toilets within Coop Coffee Shop and The Light Cinema.
5. Begging in an aggressive manner. Numerous reports have been made about individuals begging in an aggressive and intimidating manner at a number of locations within the prohibited area. Reports suggest elderly members of the public and lone females with young children are targeted. The activity reported is over and above acts of simply begging or asking for money in a way that does not cause those present to feel intimidated. Customers of B and M Bargains, Boots, CO-OP and The Light Cinema as well as the manager of the Crown Wharf Retail Park have complained to staff regarding the above behaviour.
6. Persons fighting and causing nuisance to others in the bus station, bus shelters, at the cenotaph and in shop doorways. Incidents reported include numerous problems at the bus stations at both St Pauls and Bradford Street. These are often related to individuals who are intoxicated and/or are refusing to leave. There are also significant problems reported at the Cenotaph in Bradford Street which include reports of large groups of people congregating at the Cenotaph drinking, shouting swearing and littering and people who sit in the bus shelter or on the Cenotaph benches drinking, leaving cans all over the floor and resulting in the area smelling of urine. Reports have also been made of individuals refusing to leave the doorways of various premises including Peacocks at Crown Wharf, and The Light Cinema, the .
7. Drunkenness. Incidents already referred to above highlight significant issues relating to the consumption of alcohol and there are numerous further reports evidencing that this is a significant issue at numerous locations throughout the prohibited area. Alcohol being a significant underlying factor in the behaviour which relates to many of the prohibitions contained within the order.
8. Dogs not under control have been a feature within reports relating to problems in Walsall Town Centre. These are often connected to reports relating to street drinkers and beggars who can themselves be intimidating and include evidence of residents and visitors in the town feeling intimidated by dogs that are not under any form of direct control and are often allowed to roam free.
9. Numerous reports have been received in relation to individuals urinating in public. These also include evidence of defecation. The problems occur at various locations within the prohibited area including in and around the market, St Pauls Bus Station and Bradford Place. Reports include a well known male regularly urinating and defecating within the car park for The Crown Wharf, the recess between Primark and Play Zone, Digbeth regularly used as a place to urinate and individuals under the influence of alcohol



and drugs urinating and defecating in plain view on The Fountain. This is clearly a significant problem within the prohibited area.

AND

the effect, or likely effect, of the activities—

- (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by this notice.

The above prohibitions or requirements are reasonable to impose in order to prevent the detrimental effect from continuing, occurring or recurring having had particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the Convention, makes the following order:

This order comes into effect on the 28th day of September 2020 shall have effect for 3 years and shall remain in force until 27 September 2023 at 23.59 unless extended.

**THE COMMON SEAL of**

**WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

was hereunto affixed on the 22nd day of September 2020

in the presence of

Authorised Signatory



**Challenging the Validity of Orders.**

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An interested person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of this order or any variation of this order. "Interested person" means an individual who lives in the restricted area or who regularly works in or visits that area.

The grounds on which an application may be made are -

- (a) that Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council did not have power to make the order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the order (or by the order as varied);
- (b) that a legal requirement was not complied with in relation to the order or variation.

An application must be made within the period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which the order or variation is made.



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