

DECISION

The sub-committee heard evidence from the Essex Police officers in attendance as to the circumstances surrounding the incident on 29 May 2021 at the premises.

They considered that in the light of what they had heard it was necessary to suspend the premises licence as an interim step pending the review of that premises licence.

This was primarily because of:

1. The seriousness of the incidents: significant injuries had been sustained;
2. The apparent inadequacy of the management response: ten minutes elapsed between the first and second stabbings and there was very little evidence of security taking control of the situation following the first attack; and
3. There was evidence of multiple breaches of the conditions on the premises licence, including the use of a glass bottle as a weapon, public use of the external stairs giving access to the outside area, and no evidence of door staff wearing high-visibility clothing.

Licensing sub-committee
4 June 2021