

INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 10.00 A.M.

The meeting was held remotely by Cisco Webex due to the Public Health coronavirus pandemic

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, Jackson, McEleny, Moran, Murphy, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Ms Anne Sinclair, Fiona Denver and Lindsay Carrick (for Clerk to the Board); and Chief Inspector Paul Cameron (Police Scotland).

Apologies: There were no apologies intimated.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
REVIEW OF PERSONAL LICENCE**

Decision as per attached list.

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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

(1) REVIEW OF PERSONAL LICENCE

<u>No</u>	<u>Licence Holder</u>	<u>Personal Licence Details</u>	<u>Decision</u>
1.	Adam James Gillespie	Personal Licence No. IC920 Issue Date: 6 February 2019 Issuing Authority: Inverclyde Licensing Board	NO GROUNDS FOR REVIEW AT THIS TIME

Mr Stephen McGowan, Messrs TLT was present representing the licence holder together with Mr Adam Gillespie, the licence holder and designated premises manager of Word Up premises. Mr Joseph White (Director), and Mr Mark Brysland (Property Director), employers were in attendance.

Ms Sinclair advised the Board that Police Scotland had requested a review of the Personal Licence held by Adam Gillespie by way of a letter dated 24 June 2020. Ms Sinclair read the contents of the Chief Superintendent's letter, copies of which had previously been circulated to Members by e-mail.

Chief Inspector Cameron confirmed he had nothing further to add to the Police comments as read.

Mr McGowan addressed the Board, firstly providing background information with regard to Mr Gillespie's career and to the appointment as designated premises manager of Word Up premises. Mr McGowan intimated that Mr Gillespie has the support of his employers who are in attendance today. Secondly, Mr McGowan advised that, in his view, the request for a Review of Mr Gillespie's Personal Licence is premature as it relates to a sub-judice case.

Mr McGowan then addressed the Board with full and precise details of the alleged incident whilst also referring to the themes within the Police comments.

The Chair opened discussions and there followed questions and answers between all participants, after which, the Chair requested Chief Inspector Cameron and Mr McGowan to summarise their submissions to the Board.

After full discussion, Councillor Robertson moved that no grounds for review are met at this time which was unanimously agreed.