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Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Licensing Committee- *Review of Premise Licence*

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Report of Elizabeth Reeve, Licensing
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Licensing Act 2003: Review of Premise Licence – Nisa Local (Shiv Sakthi UK Ltd), 12 High Street, Billingborough, Lincolnshire NG34 0QA

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Hearing to determine an application for the review of a premises licence – Nisa Local (Shiv Sakthi UK Ltd), 12 High Street, Billingborough, Lincolnshire NG34 0QA

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Committee (“the Committee”) consider the application for a review of the premises licence relating to the premise known as, **Nisa Local (Shiv Sakthi UK Ltd), 12 High Street, Billingborough, Lincolnshire NG34 0QA** and decide whether to:

1. Modify the conditions of the licence;
2. Exclude a licensable activity from the licence (although as the licence only permits one licensable activity excluding this would render it void);
3. Remove the designated premises supervisor;
4. Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; or
5. Revoke the licence.

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication? No

What are the relevant corporate priorities? Connecting Communities & Effective Council

Which wards are impacted? All

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 There are no specific financial implication associated with this report, however, in the event of an applicant, responsible authority or interested person making an appeal against a decision which was then subsequently upheld, the council may incur additional costs.

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (para 11.2) states that at any stage following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police or the Environmental Health Service, or any other person who can seek a review, may ask the Licensing Authority to review the premises licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.
- 1.3 As such, in accordance with section 52(2) of the above-mentioned Act, the Licensing Authority must hold a hearing to consider the application and any relevant representations. In determining the application, the committee should consider guidance issued under S182 of the Act and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy, together with all representations. The decision of the committee should be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to the concerns raised.

Community Safety

- 1.4 Community Safety implications will be considered in accordance with the licensing objectives and the duty to consider in accordance with S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 On 23rd October 2025 an application for the review of the premise licence for Nisa Local, 12 High Street, Billingborough was received from Lincolnshire Police along with supporting documents. **(Appendix 1 A to L).**

- 2.2 The application for the review relates to the following licensing objective: -

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

- 2.3 Lincolnshire Police advise that they have obtained evidence after visits in September and October 2025 which indicates that the management of these premises have been operating in such a manner that amounts to criminal activity and thus undermines the licensing objective. This includes:

- Evidence of an Illegal worker on the premises
- Employing an underage individual to serve alcohol without the correct supervision
- Breach of a number of annex 2 premise licence conditions relating to the lack of external CCTV including an inaccessible CCTV system, written training records, required signage and incident and refusal logbooks,
- Offences under the Licensing Act 2003 and Price Marking Order Act 2004
- Concerns over a lack of management involved in the premises
- Information on fire safety concerns from a Fire Safety Inspector following a visit in October 2025

The police have also indicated within their application that they wish to disclose some further relevant information to support this review within a private session, due to its sensitive nature.

- 2.4 During the consultation period a representation from the Home Office was received by the licensing authority dated 18th November 2025. This supports the Police's application that the licence holder is not taking suitable measures to prevent crime and disorder, and their representation includes evidence of a visit made in September 2025, whereby an individual was located on the premises who subsequently no longer had the right to work in the UK. A civil penalty referral notice was issued to Shiv Sakthi UK Ltd for employing an individual without the right to work. The penalty is currently under consideration. **(Appendix 2)**

- 2.5 During the consultation period, the representative for the Premise Licence Holder submitted documents in response to the review application. These documents include copies of right to work checks, staff training guides, refusal logs, fire safety records and photos of alcohol pricing and posters on display in the shop.
(Appendix 3 and 4)
- 2.6 A copy of the current premise Licence is at **(Appendix 5)**. This Licence permits the Sale of Alcohol off the premises from 06.00 to 22.00 Monday to Sunday, with the same hours for opening.
- 2.7 The Premise Licence was initially granted in March 2020. Shiv Sakthi UK Ltd of which Vikram Deva Keshwala is the sole director, has been the Premise Licence Holder of the licence since that date. The current Designated Premise Supervisor (DPS) is Vishal Ashokbhai.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 Each application to be determined on its own merits
- 3.2 Members must take such steps (if any) as they consider appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives as outlined in Licensing Act 2003 at section 52(4):

The Licensing Committee may:

- a) modify the conditions of the licence;
- b) exclude a licensable activity from the licence (although as the licence only permits one licensable activity excluding this would render it void);
- c) remove the designated premises supervisor;
- d) suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; or
- e) revoke the licence.

- 3.3 The guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act is:

“In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that licensing authorities should, so far as possible, seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns which the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response.”

(Paragraph 11.20 of the guidance Issued under S182 of the Act.)

- 3.4 If members decide to take the steps referred to in a) or b) above, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 4.1 Application for review has been received from Lincolnshire Police.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Statutory 28-day consultation has taken place from 24th October 2025 until 20th November 2025. During this period one representation from the Home Office was received and a representation from the Premise Licence Holders representative was sent in, in response to the review. No comments from members of the public or other responsible authorities were made.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 [Statement of Licensing Policy 1st April 2021](#)
- 6.2 [Guidance to Applicants](#)
- 6.3 [Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#)

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1: Application for Review and Supporting documents Annex 1 A) to L)
- 7.2 Appendix 2: Representation from the Home Office
- 7.2 Appendix 3 and 4: Representation from the Premise Licence Holder
- 7.3 Appendix 5: Copy of the Premise Licence