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LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB-COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 June 2011

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Present Councillors Drake, Parnell, Willacy, Mrs Blatchford and Cunio

Apologies Councillor Don Thomas

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Parnell be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

2. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Panel noted that Councillor Cunio was in attendance as a nominated substitute for Councillor Thomas in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2010 be signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment.

Page 8 Item 20 – **Application for a Sex Shop Licence – the Adult Shop, 90 Howard Road**, (ii) third line to read “.....currently licensed by the City Council – 09.00 to 20.00..... (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

4. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public, unless otherwise excluded by Category 4 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council’s Access to Information Procedure Rules, be excluded from the meeting in respect of Item No 6 and be invited to return immediately following private session at which time the matter be determined and the decision of the Panel be announced.

5. **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A SEX SHOP LICENCE - TASTE OF AMSTERDAM, 437 MILLBROOK ROAD WEST**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council regarding an application for renewal of a sex shop licence in respect of A Taste of Amsterdam, 437 Millbrook Road West, Southampton, S015 0HX. (Copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Mr Castle (Applicant) was present and with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the application for renewal of a sex shop licence in respect of A Taste of Amsterdam, 437 Millbrook Road West, Southampton, S015 0HX be granted on the terms and conditions as stated in the report.

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

There was no compelling evidence presented to the Sub-Committee that would justify refusal of the application for renewal of the licence.

#### 6. **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A SEX SHOP LICENCE WITH 2 VARIATIONS - HIDDEN ASSETS, 439 MILLBROOK ROAD WEST**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council regarding an application for the renewal of a sex shop licence and to separately consider the requests for the premises to be able to trade on Sundays and for additional signage to be permitted to be displayed on the front exterior of the premises in respect of Hidden Assets, 439 Millbrook Road West, Southampton, SO15 0HX. (Copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Mr Smith (Applicant) was present and with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the report in confidential session in accordance with Category 4 of Paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the application for a renewal of the licence be granted; and
- (ii) that the requests for Sunday trading and additional signage to be displayed on the front exterior of the premises be refused.

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Sub-Committee considered the application for a renewal of the licence and found no compelling evidence that would justify refusal of the application.

The Sub-Committee considered the requests for Sunday trading and additional signage to be displayed on the front exterior but concluded that they should be refused. In reaching this decision the Sub-Committee considered the Southampton City Council Regulations for Sex Establishments, in particular Regulation 3 on opening hours and Regulation 10 and 14 on additional signage and advertisements. These Regulations had been agreed to ensure consistency across all sex shops in the City and the Sub-Committee saw no good reason to deviate from them.