
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2015

Present: Councillors Tucker (Chair), Furnell, Galton and Parnell

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee may move into private session in order to receive legal advice when determining issues. The parties to the hearing, press and public, unless otherwise excluded by paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules be invited to return immediately following the private session at which time the matter will be determined and the decision of the Sub-Committee will be announced.

3. **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A SEX SHOP LICENCE - PRIVATE SHOP, 16 HANOVER BUILDINGS, SOUTHAMPTON**

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the variation of the sex shop licence in respect of Private Shop, Ground Floor, 16 Hanover Buildings, Southampton.

Colin Mason (applicant) was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

The Sub-Committee noted amendments to the image of the frontage provided with the application regarding the colour and position of graphics and that changes outlined as Option 2 had been discarded, retaining the image to the right of the door.

The Sub-Committee also noted that the implementation of the proposed variations to the existing shop frontage would require amendments to the conditions and the Sub-Committee determined that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve those amendments.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the shop front variation as specified in the application, and as subsequently amended at the hearing, be approved; and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve the necessary amendments to the relevant conditions of the current licence.

Reasons

The Sub-Committee took into account that the sex shop licence had been held by the applicant since 2003 without incident and with the licence being renewed annually since that date. The Sub-Committee also noted that the applicant had exceeded their obligations for the variation of a sex shop licence by advertising in the local press and serving a copy of the proposed variation to Hampshire Constabulary and that Hampshire Constabulary had raised no objection.