
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2019

Present: Councillors Mrs Blatchford (Chair), Furnell, B Harris, McEwing and Parnell

6. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair thanked Councillor Parnell for his wise counsel and long service on the Licensing Committee, as Councillor Parnell was not standing for re-election in May 2019.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - LEGAL ADVICE**

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee move into private session in order to receive legal advice when determining issues. The parties to the hearing, press and the public, unless otherwise excluded by Category 4 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, would be invited to return immediately following that private session at which time the matter would be determined and the decision of the Sub-Committee announced.

9. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE - HIDDEN ASSETS, 437 MILLBROOK ROAD WEST, SOUTHAMPTON SO15 0HX**

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence for Hidden Assets, 437 Millbrook Road West, Southampton SO15 0HX.

The Licensing Officer and the applicant were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered very carefully the report provided by the Licensing Officer and the evidence presented by the applicant. The Sub-Committee considered all the facts and decided that the application for a new sex shop licence in respect of the premises be granted. It was confirmed that the hours of opening and closing were to continue as per the applicant's current licence as Monday to Saturday inclusive 0900 until 2000 hours.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the application for grant of a Sex Establishment licence be approved.

Reasons

The Sub-Committee took into account that the sex shop licence had been held by Matthew Smith since at least 2003 without incident and with the licence being renewed annually since that date.