
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2022

Present: Councillors McEwing, Noon and J Payne

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

RESOLVED that Councillor J Payne be elected as Chair for the purposes of this meeting. Apologies were noted from Councillors Galton and Streets.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 20 January 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

21. **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. Following that private session, at which time the matter had been determined, written confirmation of the decision of the Sub-Committee was distributed to all parties to the hearing.

22. **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - PLAYHOUSE GENTLEMENS' CLUB, BASEMENT, 35 LONDON ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON SO15 2AD**

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the variation of the Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence at Playhouse Gentlemen's Club, Basement, 35 London Road, Southampton SO15 2AD.

It gave due regard to the provisions under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

The Sub-Committee considered very carefully the application submitted by the applicant and the report submitted by the Executive Director Communities Culture & Homes.

The Sub-Committee also gave due regard to the answers provided to questions at the hearing.

The Sub-Committee noted the applicant's request to make the following four variations to the license:

1. Variation to the hours of operation to permit the premises to open earlier (from 1900 hours).
2. Variation to the conditions of the sexual entertainment venue licence.
3. Variation to the exterior of the premises, to include new signage.
4. Variation to the interior layout of the premises.

Having considered all the above matters the Sub-Committee:

RESOLVED to grant all variations as per the application.

Reasons

Paragraph 18 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 provides that the holder of a sexual entertainment venue (SEV) licence may at any time apply for any variation of the terms, conditions, or restrictions on or subject to which the licence is held.

The Hampshire Constabulary Force Licensing Team had advised that they had no objection to the application, having been consulted by the licence holder and having visited the premises prior to application. The Sub-Committee noted that the police had agreed to the variations requested.

The Sub-Committee noted that there had been full consultation, including several meetings, with the Licensing Manager and no objection to the variations had been raised. The Senior Licensing Officer confirmed that the Licensing Team was content with the application.

There was no compelling evidence presented to the Sub-Committee that justified refusal of the application or any reason for amendments to the variations applied for.

There is a right of appeal, the full details of which will be provided in the written decision.