

## LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB – COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2008

Present: Councillors Cunio, Fuller, Galton, Norris, Thomas and Wells.

#### 10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Wells be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee for the purposes of this meeting only.

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COUNCILLOR WELLS IN THE CHAIR

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#### 11. APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

The Sub-Committee noted that Councillor Thomas attended this meeting of the Sub-Committee in place of Councillor Blatchford.

#### 12. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)

RESOLVED that the minutes from the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 13. APPLICATION FOR A SEX SHOP LICENCE – PRIVATE SHOP, GROUND FLOOR, 16 HANOVER BUILDINGS

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council detailing an application for a sex shop licence together with one letter of objection. (Copy of report circulated with agenda and appended with letter of objection to signed minutes).

Mr Sullivan, Mr Mason and Ms Francis were in attendance on behalf of the applicant, and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that the application for a sex shop licence in respect of Private Shop, Ground Floor, 16 Hanover Buildings, be granted subject to the Council's standard conditions for sex establishments and the following special conditions:

- (i) that the premises be permitted to trade only between 0930 hours and 2000 hours on Mondays to Saturdays (inclusive); and,
- (ii) that, except in an emergency, any rear access to the premises would at no time form or be used as an entrance or exit for members of the public or customers.

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION

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

The Sub-Committee considered the locality and positioning of churches and the park nearby.

The Sub-Committee noted and considered an objection, received within the statutory time frame but after the publication of the report, and understood that the concerns expressed by the objector would be addressed by the standard conditions, in particular those governing the appearance of the premises.