

# Licensing (General) Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
at 9.30 am

## **PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING**

Committee Rooms 1 and 2 - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

### **Members**

Councillor Parnell (Chair)  
Councillor Willacy (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Drake  
Councillor McEwing  
Councillor Norris  
Councillor Osmond  
Councillor Thomas

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# **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

## **Terms of Reference**

The Sub-Committee deals with licenses, permits and forms of consent (other than those for which the Council is responsible under the Licensing Act 2003), including

- Hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators
- Public music and dancing
- Amusements with prizes
- Street trading
- Sex establishments

## **Relevant Representations**

Those who have made relevant representations may address the meeting about the matter in which they have an interest with the consent of the Chair.

### **•Southampton City Council's Six Priorities**

- Providing good value, high quality services
- Getting the City working
- Investing in education and training
- Keeping people safe
- Keeping the City clean and green
- Looking after people

## **Smoking policy –**

The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

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## **Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year 2010/11**

<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>2 JUNE</b>	<b>12 JANUARY</b>
<b>30 JUNE</b>	<b>9 FEBRUARY</b>
<b>28 JULY</b>	<b>9 MARCH</b>
<b>1SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>6 APRIL</b>
<b>29 SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>27 OCTOBER</b>	
<b>25 NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>15 DECEMBER</b>	

## CONDUCT OF MEETING

### **Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are contained in Article 8 and Part 3 (Schedule 2) of the Council's Constitution.

### **Business to be discussed**

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

### **Rules of Procedure**

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

### **Quorum**

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 3.

### **Disclosure of Interests**

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "personal" or "prejudicial" interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

### **Personal Interests**

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a personal interest in any matter

- (i) if the matter relates to an interest in the Member's register of interests; or
- (ii) if a decision upon a matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting to a greater extent than other Council Tax payers, ratepayers and inhabitants of the District, the wellbeing or financial position of himself or herself, a relative or a friend or:-
  - (a) any employment or business carried on by such person;
  - (b) any person who employs or has appointed such a person, any firm in which such a person is a partner, or any company of which such a person is a director;
  - (c) any corporate body in which such a person has a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or
  - (d) any body listed in Article 14(a) to (e) in which such a person holds a position of general control or management.

A Member must disclose a personal interest.

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## **Prejudicial Interests**

Having identified a personal interest, a Member must consider whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably think that the interest was so significant and particular that it could prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. If that is the case, the interest must be regarded as "prejudicial" and the Member must disclose the interest and withdraw from the meeting room during discussion on the item.

It should be noted that a prejudicial interest may apply to part or the whole of an item.

Where there are a series of inter-related financial or resource matters, with a limited resource available, under consideration a prejudicial interest in one matter relating to that resource may lead to a member being excluded from considering the other matters relating to that same limited resource.

There are some limited exceptions.

Note: Members are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or his staff in Democratic Services if they have any problems or concerns in relation to the above.

## **Principles of Decision Making**

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

## AGENDA

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### **1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

To note any changes in the membership of the Sub-Committee made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

### **2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, and the Council's Code of Conduct adopted on 16th May 2007, Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Cabinet Administrator prior to the commencement of this meeting.

### **3 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

### **4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and to deal with any matters arising, attached.

### **5 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Chair to move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of item 6 based on Categories 1 and 2 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules. The information contained therein is potentially exempt as it relates to individual personal details and information held under the Data Protection Act 1998. Having applied the public interest test it is not appropriate to disclose this information as the individuals' legal expectation of privacy outweighs the public interest in the exempt information.

### **6 APPLICATION FOR A SEX SHOP LICENCE - THE ADULT SHOP, 90 HOWARD ROAD**

To consider a report of the Solicitor to the Council concerning an application for a sex shop licence in respect of the Adult Gift Shop, 90 Howard Road, attached.

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LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB-COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

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Present:

Councillors Parnell (Chair), Willacy (Vice-Chair), Drake, McEwing, Norris, Osmond and Thomas

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

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

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

**RESOLVED** that the press and public, unless otherwise excluded by Category 4 of that paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, be excluded from the meeting in respect of Minute No 16 and be invited to return immediately following private session at which time the matter be determined and the decision of the Panel be announced.

16. **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A SEX SHOP LICENCE - PRIVATE SHOP, GROUND FLOOR, 16 HANOVER BUILDINGS, SO14 1JA**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council concerning a request for the renewal of the sex shop licence in respect of the Private Shop, Ground Floor, 16 Hanover Buildings, Southampton SO14 1JA. (Copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

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

**RESOLVED** that the application for renewal of a sex shop licence in respect of the Private Shop, Ground Floor, 16 Hanover Buildings, Southampton SO14 1JA, be granted.

**REASON 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.

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# Agenda Item 6

by virtue of paragraph number 1, 2 of the Council's Access to information Procedure Rules

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