

# MINUTES

meeting: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **9 MARCH 2012**

**PRESENT:-**

Councillor Claymore (Chair)  
Councillors N Patten and John Rowley

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-**

L Banbury, Democratic Support Officer - Delivery (Governance)  
R Edge, Section Leader (Licensing) - Education and Enterprise  
S Hardwick, Senior Solicitor - Delivery (Governance)  
E Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing) - Education and Enterprise

**OFFICER ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-**

L Moses-Copeman, J Freeman-Evans, A Leech and R Marshall (in the capacity of observers and with the approval of the parties involved in the individual cases)

**Wolverhampton**  
City Council



**PART I - OPEN ITEMS**

**Declarations of Interest**

220 No interests were declared.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

221 Resolved:-

That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in Part II of the Agenda, on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act (information relating to the business affairs of particular persons) is likely to be disclosed.

**PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS**

**Application for Sex Establishment Licence – Sinderellas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Exchange Vaults, Exchange Street (Appendix 31)**

In Attendance

For the Premises

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| P A Nomicas   | - | Director                |
| R Wingfield   | - | Premises Licence Holder |
| D Kaur        | - | Manageress              |
| M Fitzsimmons | - | Manager                 |

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers. The Section Leader (Licensing) outlined the report which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting.

At this juncture, Mr Wingfield briefly outlined his application and answered questions raised by the Members and Officers as appropriate.

The applicant was afforded the opportunity to make a closing statement.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

222 Resolved:-

That a Sex Establishment Licence be granted to Sinderellas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Exchange Vaults, Exchange Street, Wolverhampton, to trade Monday to Saturday between 2200 and 0600 hours, subject to the standard terms and conditions.

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the Sub-Committee. The parties then withdrew.

**Application for Sex Establishment Licence – Pussey Galore, 146 Oxford Street, Bilston (Appendix 32)**

In Attendance

For the Premises

Mr D K R Parsons - Director

Objector

PC S Williams - West Midlands Police

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers. The Section Leader (Licensing) outlined the report which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting.

At this juncture, Mr Parsons briefly outlined his application and answered questions raised by the Members and Officers as appropriate.

PC Williams advised that West Midlands Police objected to the proposed name for the establishment, which they deemed to be inappropriate.

The applicant was afforded the opportunity to make a closing statement.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

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Resolved:-

That a Sex Establishment Licence be granted to Pussey Galore, 146 Oxford Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, to trade Monday to Saturday between 1200 and 0600 hours, subject to the standard terms and conditions. The decision is also subject to an additional condition requiring the submission of details of any proposed name for the establishment to the Licensing Authority and West Midlands Police, for their consideration and agreement. Any agreement should not be unreasonably withheld.

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the Sub-Committee. The parties then withdrew.

**Application for a Private Vehicle Driver's Licence (Appendix 3)**

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers. The Section Leader (Licensing) then briefly outlined the report which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting.

Mr Shah was in attendance at the meeting, accompanied by his wife, in connection with his application for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and they answered questions raised by Members of the Sub-Committee and Officers as appropriate.

Mr and Mrs Shah were afforded the opportunity to make a final statement.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

215 Resolved:-

That having carefully considered all the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and the representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee consider that Mr A A Shah is a fit a proper person to hold a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence the application is therefore granted. The decision is, however, subject to review by the Head of Service in three months and six months time.

(NOTE: Councillor Rowley requested that his name be recorded as voting against the above decision)

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the Sub-Committee. The parties then withdrew.