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| <b>Report to:</b>        | <b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>              |
| <b>Relevant Officer:</b> | Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | 8 September 2021                                    |

## **Application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue licence, 11-13 Queen Street, Blackpool**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider an application by AA Recreation 1 Ltd for a new Sexual Entertainment Venue licence for Dreams, 11-13 Queen Street, Blackpool.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine whether it wishes to consider the late objection attached at Appendix 4b and invite the objector to make representations to the Sub-Committee.

2.2 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine the application.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 An application for a licence has been made and requires determination in accordance with the Council's policy.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

4.1 None, as the Sub-Committee is required to determine the application.

### **5.0 Council priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council priority is:  
 "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool."

## **6.0 Background information**

- 6.1 AA Recreation 1 Ltd have made an application for a new Sexual Entertainment Venue licence for Dreams, 11-13 Queen Street, Blackpool. A copy of the application can be found at Appendix 4a.
- 6.2 The application was advertised in accordance with the legislation and no objections were received during the statutory period (ending 6 May 2021). One objection (Appendix 4b) was received outside of the statutory period (on 29 June 2021). The police make no comment on this application.
- 6.3 Although the SEV policy makes it clear that when considering an application the applicant and anyone who has made an objection during the statutory period will be invited to make representations, the Sub-Committee does have a discretion to consider late objections.
- 6.4 A licence may be refused on the following grounds:
- a) The applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason see paragraph;
  - b) If the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by, or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such licence if he made the application himself;
  - c) That the number of sex establishments in the relevant locality at the time of the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority considers appropriate for that locality;
  - d) That the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate having regard:
    - To the character of the relevant locality; or
    - To the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; orTo the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made.
- 6.5 In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee should take into consideration the Council's Sex Establishment Policy (Appendix 4c), in particular paragraph 3.3 which sets a limit on Sexual Entertainment Venue licences at four premises.
- 6.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## **7.0 List of Appendices:**

- 7.1 Appendix (4a) application for SEV licence.  
Appendix (4b) objection.  
Appendix (4c) Sex Establishment Policy.

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

There is the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.