

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022

Present:

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

Farrell	D Scott	Wilshaw
Hunter	Mrs Scott	

In Attendance:

Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Advisor

Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

Ben Williams, Barrister for Blackpool Council

Lee Petrak, Licensing and Trading Standards Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 APPLICATION TO RENEW A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application by AA Recreation 1 Ltd to renew the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for First and Second Floor, 15-17 Queen Street, Blackpool.

Mr Ben Williams, Barrister on behalf of Blackpool Council, advised members that since the publication of the agenda the application had been withdrawn and therefore no determination was required by Members at the meeting.

Resolved:

To note that the application to renew the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for First and Second Floor, 15-17 Queen Street, Blackpool, had been withdrawn.

4 APPLICATION TO TRANSFER A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application by UK Exclusive Entertainments Ltd to transfer the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for First and Second Floor, 15-17 Queen Street, Blackpool.

Mr Ben Williams, Barrister on behalf of Blackpool Council, referred Members to the previous item when the Sub-Committee had been advised that the renewal of the licence for the same venue had been withdrawn. As the transfer application had been made after

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the original expiry date of that licence, he advised that the transfer was now redundant as there was no longer a licence in force to transfer. The transfer application was therefore also deemed as being withdrawn as per the renewal.

Resolved:

To note that the application to transfer the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for First and Second Floor, 15-17 Queen Street, had been withdrawn.

5 APPLICATION FOR A NEW SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application by AA Recreation 1 Ltd for a new Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for "Dreams", 11-13 Queen Street, Blackpool.

Mr Ben Williams, Barrister on behalf of Blackpool Council, reminded the Sub-Committee that it had previously considered the application at its meeting in September 2021 when it deferred a decision pending the outcome of an appeal by Pool Construction Ltd against the refusal to transfer the licence for 15-17 Queen Street. That appeal was still ongoing and was listed for a Case Management Hearing on 1 June 2022 with a date for the appeal itself after that initial hearing yet to be confirmed. Mr Williams therefore recommended that as the appeal was still ongoing, the Sub-Committee further deferred its decision until after the Case Management Hearing when a timescale for the appeal would be known.

Appearing before the Sub-Committee Mr Mark Newton, Director of AA Recreation 1 Ltd, acknowledged the reasons for the deferral. The Sub-Committee therefore agreed to further defer their consideration pending further information as to the appeal timescale at the Case Management Hearing on 1 June 2022.

Resolved:

That consideration of whether to grant a new Sexual Entertainment Venue licence for 11-13 Queen Street be deferred to a future meeting pending further information as to the appeal timescale at the Case Management Hearing on 1 June 2022 in respect of the transfer application for 15-17 Queen Street.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 21 June 2022.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 6.23 pm)

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