

**Report of the Head of Licensing and Registration**

**Report to the Licensing Sub Committee**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Subject: Application for the grant of a sex establishment licence for  
Silks Gentleman's Club, 2 Sovereign Place, Leeds LS1 4SP**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<b>City and Hunslet</b>	
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		

**Summary of main issues**

In June 2012 the licensing subcommittee granted a sex establishment licence to the above premises but required additional material to be approved before the licence was to take effect.

**1.0 Purpose of this report**

1.1 To provide Members with additional material (Appendix A) in respect of Silks Gentleman's Club, 2 Sovereign Place, Leeds LS1 4SP for approval before the sex establishment licence can be issued.

**2.0 Background Information**

2.1 The Policing and Crime Act 2009 amended the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Section 2 and Schedule 3 to introduce a new classification of sex establishment, namely sexual entertainment venues. This brought to lap dancing, pole dancing and other "relevant entertainment" into the same regime that has licensed sex shops and sex cinemas in the Leeds area since 1982.

2.2 In September 2011 the Executive Board of Leeds City Council adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments.

- 2.3 The new regime took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 and all existing or new establishments wishing to provide sexual entertainment must have the relevant sex establishment licence in place before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012.
- 2.4 Seven applications were received from existing operators all of which were approved by the licensing subcommittee in June 2012, subject to conditions.
- 2.5 One of the successful premises was Silk Gentlemen's Club but the decision was conditional on additional material being approved by a licensing subcommittee before the licence is to be issued.
- 2.6 The decision stated:

The subcommittee resolved to grant a licence in this application subject to the following conditions:

1. All standard conditions be applied subject to the following amendments:
  - a. Condition 10 - hours of opening will be:  
10pm - 4am Sunday to Thursday  
10pm - 5am Friday and Saturday.
  - b. Condition 24 - leafleting/distribution of flyers will be extended to require the licensee to remove any leaflets from the highway within a 100 metre radius of the distribution point by 6 am in addition to the area surrounding the premises.
  - c. Conditions 51 to 53 - The conditions relating to vehicles will be replaced by one condition not permitting vehicles to be used for personal solicitation, touting or advertising but allowing the transport of customers to or from the premises but only by the use of licensed taxi and private hire vehicles.
2. The licence is granted subject to the applicant providing a plan and scheme regarding where the dancers are to smoke and an example gown of the type to be worn by the dancers in the smoking area, this to be approved by the members of this subcommittee as set out in standard condition 19; such external appearance to be approved by the council in writing. The material must be presented for approval by 31 August 2012. The premises will not be permitted to operate after 1 October 2012 if not approved.
3. Panic alarms to be fitted to all booths and VIP performance areas.
4. The woman silhouette be removed from the external signage.

### **3.0 Additional Material Submitted**

3.1 Members are required to consider the additional material presented by the applicants, Red Carpet Leisure (Leeds) Limited, 100 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS8 5AN. This material comprises of:

- Silks Smoking Control Proposal
- Smoking Policy Poster to be placed in the changing room
- Front of new flyer
- Back of new flyer
- Existing external appearance
- Proposed external appearance
- Existing external banner/sign
- Proposed external banner/sign

### **4.0 Options available to members**

4.1 The licensing sub-committee may take any of the following steps it considers necessary:

- Approve the material provided
- Reject the material provided

### **5.0 Recommendation**

5.1 Members are asked to consider and determine if the additional material provided by the applicants is approved so that the licence may be issued.

### **6.0 Appendices**

6.1 Appendix A: scheme of the smoking area, new flyer and revised external appearance

### **7.0 Background papers**

Notice of decision - Silks

## **SILKS SMOKING CONTROL PROPOSAL**

OUR PROPOSAL FOR SMOKERS IS AS FOLLOWS.

CUSTOMER SMOKING WILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE BARRIERS NEAREST TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE ROAD.

DANCERS/STAFF SMOKING WILL BE TO THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE BARRIERS IN A CLOSED OFF RED ROPE PARTITIONED AREA. THEY WILL HAVE A FLOOR STANDING BIN TO DISPOSE OF USED CIGARETTES.

THE ENTRANCE BARRIERS ARE SUPERVISED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT BY SIA DOOR PERSONNEL WHO WILL ACTIVELY DIRECT CUSTOMERS TO THE RIGHT AND STAFF TO THE LEFT.

2 SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP OUTSIDE TO ALSO ADVISE OF THE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS : ONE READING "CUSTOMER SMOKING AREA" AND THE OTHER READING "STAFF SMOKING AREA".

DANCERS WILL WEAR FULL LENGTH BLACK SILKS JACKETS AND THESE WILL BE BUTTONED FULLY BEFORE GOING OUTSIDE. A SAMPLE OF THESE JACKETS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO YOU FOR APPROVAL.

ONLY 2 DANCERS ALLOWED OUT TO SMOKE AT ANY ONE TIME.

WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THESE CHANGES ALREADY IN ORDER TO HELP DANCERS AND STAFF GET USED TO THE NEW RULES. WE HAVE FOUND IT TO WORK SUCCESSFULLY.

SIGNS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP IN THE GIRLS CHANGING ROOM ADVISING THEM OF THE RULES RELATING TO SMOKING. A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED.

# **SMOKING POLICY**

**ALL DANCERS ARE TO ENSURE THAT  
THEY WEAR THE BLACK COATS  
PROVIDED BY THE CLUB WHEN  
GOING OUTSIDE TO SMOKE  
FASTENED FULLY**

**ONLY 2 DANCERS ARE PROHIBITED  
TO BE OUTSIDE SMOKING AT ANY  
TIME**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU STAND TO  
THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE  
ENTRANCE WHICH IS THE  
DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA**

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE  
YOU TO STAND WITH THE  
CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE WHILST  
SMOKING**

**CUSTOMERS MUST BE KEPT TO THE  
RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE  
IN THERE DESIGNATED SMOKING  
AREA**

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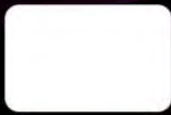
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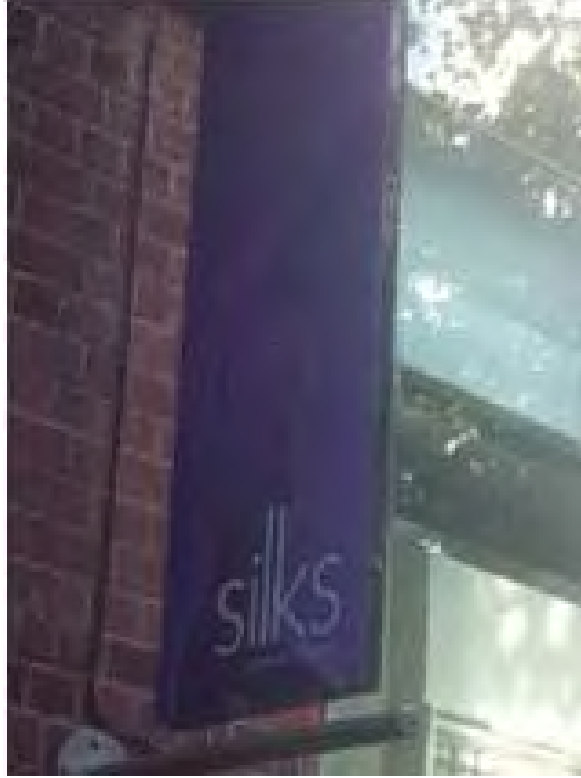
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