

## **Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Wednesday, 2nd December, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Hutchison in the Chair

Councillors L Richards and A Wenham

### **1 Election of the Chair**

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor A Hutchison be elected as Chair for the hearing.

### **2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

### **3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There was no exempt information.

### **4 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations.

### **6 Application for the Renewal and Variation of a Sex Establishment Licence for Purple Door, 5 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2DR**

The report of the Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory presented an application for the renewal of a Sex Establishment Licence for Purple Door, 5 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2DR.

The Licensing Officer presented the application. The license was to cover the ground floor and basement of the building and the hours of operation were from 22:00 to 04:00 on Sunday to Thursday and 22:00 to 05:00 on Friday and Saturday which mirrored the provisions of the existing licence.

The Sub-Committee was informed that any references to varying the licence that had been included in the report had been made in error and that the application was solely to renew the licence.

Although there had not been any representations made in response to the application, the Sub-Committee was legally required to determine the application.

The applicant's representative addressed the Sub-Committee. The following was highlighted:

- It was confirmed that there was no desire to vary the application and renewal was sought on the terms previously approved.
- The owner had operated from the premises for over 15 years.
- The premises had been chosen as one of the four permitted SEVS in the City in 2013 and the licence had been renewed every year since.
- There had never been any issues with the licence being renewed.

- There had not been any representations or objections from any of the responsible authorities.
- There had not been any changes to the operation since the last time the licence was renewed and there were no reasons not to renew this year.
- The premises were within an appropriate location and the external appearance of the premises would remain unaltered.

In response to questions and comments from the Sub-Committee, the following was discussed:

- References to fining of dancers detailed in the Code of Conduct. It was reported that the dancers did not get fined and that this would be removed from the code of conduct.
- The model release consent detailed within the club's policy documents related to images published on the club's website. No photography was permitted within the premises. The wording of this part of the policy would be revised.
- There was no intention to change any of the existing advertising material and the applicant was aware that any changes would need approval.
- There was no intention to make any changes to the internal design of the premises.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the application, the report and the representations made at the hearing.

**RESOLVED** - That the application for renewal be granted as applied for and subject to the amendment of policy documents and code of conduct as discussed.