

Report to: Licensing and Environmental
Regulation Committee

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Report of: Director Environmental Services

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Report Title: **Application to renew a sex shop licence**

Non Confidential:

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Purpose:

To ask Members to consider an application to renew a sex shop licence

Recommendations:

1. Grant the application for a sex shop licence
or
2. To defer the decision, to allow the applicant to attend to support the application

**Background
Doc(s):**

Human Rights Act 1998 - Guidelines

Summary:

No summary

APPLICATION TO RENEW A SEX SHOP LICENCE

1. Background

- 1.1** The Council is responsible for the licensing of sex shops by virtue of the powers contained in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 which have been adopted by the Council.
- 1.2** All applications to grant or renew a licence for a sex shop are referred to the Committee for determination.
- 1.3** The applicant has held a sex shop licence for the premises at the Rear 72 Newport Street, Bolton since the 28th August 2006.

2. Current Application

- 2.1** An application to renew a sex shop licence for Nice n Naughty, Rear 72 Newport Street, Bolton, has been received from Nice 'n' Naughty Leisurewear Ltd, 127 – 129 Brook Street, Chester, CH1 3DU.
- 2.2** The application has been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The advertisement appeared in the edition of the Bolton News which was published on 24th July 2015. No objections have been received. The Licensing Unit has received no complaints concerning the operation of the premises during the period of the current licence.
- 2.3** The licence, if granted, will remain in force for one year.
- 2.4** Greater Manchester Police have stated that they have no objections to the renewal of the licence.
- 2.5** Officers have discussed the application with the applicant. The applicant does not intend to attend the meeting but respectfully requests that the decision be deferred to a future meeting if Members are minded to refuse the application, in order that representations can be made in support of the application.

3. Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the application and

- (i) Grant the application to renew the sex shop licence.

OR

- (ii) Defer the decision, to allow the applicant to attend to support the application.