

**Report to:** Licensing and Environmental  
Regulation Committee

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Report of:** Director – Chief Executives  
Department

**Report No:** LER/23/15

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

**Non Confidential:**

This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

**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. 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 201 St Georges Road, Bolton since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002.

**2. Current Application**

- 2.1** An application to renew a sex shop licence for Private Shop, 201 St Georges Road, Bolton, has been received from Darker Enterprises Limited, Unit 11B Trade City, Ashton Road, Harold Hill, Essex, RM3 8UJ.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> May 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.
- 2.6** 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.