

Report to: Licensing and Environmental
Regulation Committee

Date: 17th September 2019

Report of: Director of Place

Report No: LER/23/19

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

Non-Confidential:

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Purpose:

To ask the Committee 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

Copy of covering letter

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 1st July 2002.

2. Current Application

- 2.1** An application to renew a sex shop licence for Private Shop, 201 St Georges Road, Bolton, had been submitted by Darker Enterprises Limited and Private Shops UK Ltd.
- 2.2** The licence historically has been issued to Darker Enterprises Limited, Unit 3 Chancerygate Business Centre, 33 Tallon Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 1TE. On this occasion the application is in an additional name Private Shops UK Ltd. The address for Private Shops is the same as for Darker Enterprises. The reason for this request is outlined in their letter which is attached to the report as an appendix.
- 2.2** The application has been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Act. A notice appeared in the Bolton News and on the premises. 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** The Greater Manchester Police have submitted no comments on the renewal of the licence.
- 2.6** Officers have discussed the application with the applicant. The applicant does not intend to attend the meeting. They do respectfully request that the decision be deferred to a future meeting if the Committee is minded to refuse or make any amendments. This is to allow them to submit representations in support of the application.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is 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.