

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Licensing Sub-Committee**
held on Thursday, 15th March, 2012 at The Whitaker Room, The Heritage
Centre, Roe Street, Macclesfield SK11 6UT

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, W S Davies, L Gilbert and L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs N Cadman, Licensing Officer
Mr D Hawkes, Team Leader Investigations
Mrs K Khan, Solicitor
Mrs J Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

36 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor P Whiteley be appointed Chairman.

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39 APPLICATION FOR A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE - SCHEDULE 3, LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 - S T LOUNGE GENTLEMENS CLUB & CHAMPAGNE BAR, 16 GROVE STREET, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club & Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ('the 1982 Act').

The following attended the hearing and made representations with respect to the application:

the applicant
the applicant's legal representative
the designated premises supervisor
a representative of the Police
a number of objectors and representatives of objectors
Councillor L Brown, objector
Councillor F Keegan, representing an objector

At the start of the meeting, all parties agreed to the use of the hearing procedure as set out on page 33 of the agenda.

Prior to consideration of the application, preliminary issues were raised in relation to the publication of the statutory notice and the discretion to consider objections which had been received outside the statutory twenty-eight day consultation period. Following an adjournment, the Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had resolved:

- (a) That it was satisfied that the application did comply with the statutory advertising requirements within paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and that the application was valid.
- (b) That, when making its decision, it would exercise its discretion to take into account the late representations which had been included within an update report, but that it would not exercise its discretion in relation to the petition which had been submitted on the day of the hearing.

After a full hearing of the application and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that, after taking account of:

- the provisions of Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act;
- the Home Office Guidance relating to sexual entertainment venues;
- Cheshire East Borough Council's policy on the licensing of sexual entertainment venues; and
- all the evidence presented to the Sub-Committee, including the submissions of each of the parties to the hearing and the written objections within the report and update report;

the following course of action had been agreed:

RESOLVED - That the application for a twelve month Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence be granted, subject to:

- (a) the Council's standard conditions in relation to sexual entertainment venues
- (b) the following hours for the provision of 'relevant entertainment':

Monday to Thursday	21.30 to 03.30
Friday and Saturday	21.30 to 04.00
Sunday	21.30 to 03.30

(c) the addition of the following express condition:

“Where performers who are not being collected from the door of the premises by taxi or other transport, they will be chaperoned back to their vehicle by escorts provided by the licence holder. This is necessary as there is no car park within sight of the premises and for the safety of persons performing in the premises.”

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 2.20 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)