

Licensing Committee

27 January 2022

Renewal of sexual entertainment venue licence for Wiggle

For Decision

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Recommendation: The Committee determines the application in the light of written and oral evidence and resolves to take such steps as it considers applicable to sex establishments.

Reason for Recommendation: The Committee must consider the oral representations and information given at the hearing before reaching a decision.

1. Executive Summary

An application has been made to renew a sexual entertainment venue for Wiggle, 33 New Street, Weymouth. The application has been out to public consultation and has attracted relevant representations. A Licensing Committee must consider the application and representations at a public hearing.

2. Financial Implications

Any decision of the Committee could lead to an appeal by the applicant which could incur costs.

3. Well-being and Health Implications

None

4. Climate implications

None

5. Other Implications

Public Health and Community Safety.

6. Risk Assessment

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Application and current conditions

Appendix 2 – Representation from an interested party

Appendix 3 - Weymouth & Portland Sex Establishment Policy 2016

9. Background Papers

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1983 Schedule 3

10. Details

- 10.1 An application has been received from Wellhot Ltd to renew the sexual entertainment licence for Wiggle, 33 New Street, Weymouth, DT4 8DB. The full application and current conditions are attached at Appendix 1.
- 10.2 There is no change to the hours, operation, or conditions.
- 10.2 The premises have held a sexual entertainment licence at 33 New Street, Weymouth since 2011 and have operated in a responsible manner.
- 10.3 The application has been advertised at the premises and in a local newspaper.
- 10.4 One representation was received from an interested party. Their response is attached at Appendix 2.
- 10.5 There were no representations received from responsible authorities.

11. Considerations

- 11.1 The part of the Weymouth and Portland Sexual Entertainment Policy relating to renewal of licences states at paragraph 12:

“On application to renew a licence for the same proposed house and licensing activities and conditions as previously granted, the Council shall give due weight to the fact the licence was granted in the previous year and any years before that.”

- 11.2 The full Weymouth and Portland Sexual Entertainment Policy 2016 is attached at Appendix 3.

12. Recommendation

- 12.1 Having considered the representations and the evidence presented at the hearing the Committee may:
 - a) Grant the licence as applied for
 - b) Attach individual conditions
 - c) Refuse the licence
- 12.2 The Committee could impose terms, considerations, or restrictions other than those specified in the application if it is deemed appropriate and the applicant is given the reasons for this.
- 12.2 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 states that the layout, character, or condition of the premises are material considerations when deciding to grant the application.

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.