

Licensing and Appeals Sub Committee Hearing Panel

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 March 2022

Present: Councillor Andrews – in the Chair

Councillors: Connolly and Evans

**LACHP/20/33. Sex Establishment Licence Renewal - Whiskey Down, 18
22 Lloyd Street, Manchester, M2 5WA**

The Hearing Panel considered a report from the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing.

The Licensing Officer addressed the Hearing Panel, noting that no objections had been received to the application. Any decision to refuse the application should only be done within the grounds of the legislation. No mandatory conditions for refusal had been met, and it is down to the Hearing Panel to decide if any discretionary conditions for refusal had been met.

The applicant addressed the Hearing Panel, stating that they had invested heavily into the business to make it more reputable. They noted that the premises have always met its license conditions, informing the Panel of how they do this.

In their deliberations, the Hearing Panel considered the Council policy relating to Sex Establishment venues. They acknowledged that there had been no objections to the renewal. They also acknowledged that no mandatory conditions for refusal had been met and were satisfied that no discretionary conditions had been met either.

Decision

To grant the renewal application as applied for.

**LACHP/20/34. Sex Establishment Licence Variation - Whiskey Down, 18-
22 Lloyd Street, Manchester, M2 5WA**

The Hearing Panel considered a report from the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing.

The Licensing Officer addressed the Hearing Panel, informing them of the variation requested. The applicant wished to change the operating hours of the venue and amend the plan of the building. This amendment is to remove a Jacuzzi area which would in turn remove conditions 52 to 60 on the License, and replace this with three private rooms. The applicant had met with LOOH, GMP and a fire risk assessment team to agree these changes. This led to further amendments, with a condition of the private rooms not having doors on and CCTV provided for the area. The applicant also removed their request for amended hours.

The applicant addressed the Hearing Panel, stating that the Jacuzzi area is too difficult to manage, hence the want to replace it with three private rooms. They noted

that after meeting with the responsible authorities, they agreed to their conditions and no other objections had been received.

In their deliberations, the Hearing Panel considered the Council policy relating to Sex Establishment venues. They acknowledged that there had been no objections to the renewal.

Decision

To grant the License Variation subject to the conditions agreed by the responsible authorities.