

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 28 November 2023

PRESENT – Councillors K Nicholson (Chair), Mrs Culley, Curry, Dulston, Haszeldine, Kane, Lawley, Lee, Mahmud and Ray.

APOLOGIES – Councillor Ali.

ABSENT – Councillors Crumbie, Donoghue and Robinson.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Anthony Hall (Superintendent Registrar) and Paul Dalton (Democratic and Elections Officer).

LG9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LG10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JULY 2023

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on 25 July 2023.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Committee held on 25 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

LG11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JULY 2023, 26 JULY 2023 AND 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 25 July 2023, 26 July 2023 and 5 September 2023.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 25 July 2023, 26 July 2023 and 5 September 2023, be approved as correct records.

LG12 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS - THE DOLPHIN CENTRE, HORSEMARKET, DARLINGTON

The Assistant Director, Law and Governance and Proper Officer for Darlington Registration District, submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration an application for the grant of a licence to be an approved venue for civil marriage and civil partnerships in accordance with the provisions of The Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994); the Civil Partnership Act (2004); the Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and 2021; and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act (2013).

The submitted report gave a summary of the Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington, as an approved venue; the designated rooms and maximum capacity for each room for civil marriage and civil partnerships.

RESOLVED – That the licence for the Dolphin Centre as an approved premise for civil marriage and civil partnerships be granted for three years from 28th November 2023, and that the places designated where civil marriage and civil partnerships can take place indoors at the premises and the maximum of numbers of persons who can attend those marriage and civil partnerships be:

Location	Maximum Capacity
Pease Suite	60 people
Central Hall	200 people
Stephenson Suite	30 people
Seminar Room	40 people
The Studio	60 people
Sports Hall	200 people

REASON - To facilitate civil marriages and civil partnerships at the Dolphin Centre.