



Belfast City Council

Report to: Licensing Committee

Subject: **Application for the Grant of a Sex Establishment Licence –
2-8 Gresham Street**

Date: 20th August, 2014

Reporting Officer: Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control, ext. 2450

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1	Relevant Background Information						
1.1	<p>An application was received on 13th February 2014 from Mr Brian Hope for the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence under Article 4, Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Premises and Location</th><th>Ref. No.</th><th>Applicant</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2-8 Gresham Street Belfast, BT1</td><td>WK/2014/0116</td><td>Mr Brian Hope</td></tr></tbody></table>	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	2-8 Gresham Street Belfast, BT1	WK/2014/0116	Mr Brian Hope
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1.2	<p>The applicant has previously applied for a Sex Establishment Licence for 2 Gresham Street. The property at 4-8 Gresham Street was formerly occupied as Miss Behavin' Ltd.</p>						

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Members are reminded that the Licensing Committee is responsible for determining all applications relating to the grant of Sex Establishment Licences.</p>
	<p>Representations</p>
2.2	<p>Public notices of the application were placed in three newspapers and no objections were received either within the 28 day statutory period or subsequently.</p>
2.3	<p>A notice of the application was also attached to the premise, as required by the Order, and no objections were received as a result of this either.</p>
	<p>PSNI</p>
2.4	<p>At the time of writing this report, a response from the police in relation to the application is outstanding.</p>
2.5	<p>The Licensing Committee is responsible for considering all applications in relation to the grant of sex shop licences.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> None.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> None.
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no equality or good relations issues.

5	Recommendation
5.1	The Committee is requested to agree that a special meeting be held to consider the application and to receive the applicant, and/or their representatives.

6	Decision Tracking
<p>Once the date for the Special Meeting is arranged, all relevant parties will be notified of that meeting and the procedure that applies. The person responsible for this action is Henry Downey, Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's Department.</p>	