



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Regeneration & Neighbourhoods Directorate

Division: Asset Management Section

Date of Decision / Issue of Licence: 20th November 2018

Officer Making Decision: Tim Wynn (Strategic Asset Manager)

Subject / Description & Reason for Decision: Property – Ground Floor 15 Church Street - Licence to occupy

Grant of licence to occupy to Emptyshop.org

It is proposed to grant a licence to Emptyshop.org to occupy the ground floor of 15 Church Street for use as an art gallery and community discussion forum. The purpose of the letting is to promote regeneration in the Church Street area pending renovation of the whole building and a longer term commercial let of the shop unit and letting of the refurbished upper floor flats. Whilst no licence fee will be charged, the licensee will bear the occupation costs and their presence will also enhance the security of the premises.

Emptyshop are a well established Community Interest Company with experience of similar projects.

Approval to grant of licence.

Type of Decision: Non Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised: Committee Delegated Authority

The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods has delegated powers for a variety of transactions within a prescribed threshold which is currently £30,000 in capital value and £12,000 in rental value. The powers are to approve land and property disposals, leases, lettings, licences, wayleaves, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease

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renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters within the prescribed thresholds as approved by the Council.

Delegated Powers Authority was approved at Finance & Policy Committee on 18 July 2012

Alternative Options Considered & Rejected:

Keeping the shop disused until renovation work complete.

Any Declared Register of Interest

No

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

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IN CONSULTATION WITH



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