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NAME AND ADDRESS DETAILS

PREMISES REF: LIC6**157-/2 TRADER: LICENSED PREMISES

ADDRESS: 157-159 West Port
Edinburgh
EH3 9DP

WARD: City Centre

EASTING: 325049
NORTHING: 673210

PRINCIPAL USAGE: LIC - LICENSING PREMISES
PREMISES TYPE: 6 - PROPERTY

ACTION DETAILS

ACTION TYPE: AAA - Action taken
SOURCE DATABASE: LEGISLATION VISITS
Record number 086834
UNIT: PLO - Licensing Standards Officers
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

DATE ACTION OPENED: 10/07/2025

ACTION EVENT DETAILS

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1	G10	Email sent Hello [REDACTED]		10/07/2025	KHO	
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I have to attend a meeting before visiting you this afternoon. Would it be possible to come along at 4pm today instead of 3pm?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 July 2025 13:36
To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: Fw: WESTERN BAR BUILDING WARRANT.

Hi [REDACTED], As indicated by Format design, setback to amended plans of building warrant process of requested sprinkler syst???
External email

Hi [REDACTED]

As indicated by Format design, setback to amended plans of building warrant process of requested sprinkler system throughout both floors of bar(substantial additional works).The up to date situation seems bizarre as we had original substantial works in 2008 of digging up basements foundations to give basement height in providing the the then rules of providing performers with facilities of shower room/kitchen and changing room with the permission and floor layout plan incorporating changing room as area of licensed performances.

Im presently going through the latest drawn up architects plans that accommodate the latest BUILDING WARRANTS request of SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

I will keep you updated on further developments.

Many Thanks [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

On Wed, 2 Jul 2025 at 11:26, [REDACTED] wrote:
Good morning [REDACTED]

As requested, please find attached latest drawings which will accompany an alternative means of compliance application which has been requested as part of the building warrant process. We will be required to install a commercial sprinkler system where compliance can not be met for escape from the basement.

Please note these drawings are subject to change upon further assessment from building control.

The BW Ref: is as follows: 24/02526/WARR

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Sent: Tue, 1 Jul 2025 at 20:55
Subject: WESTERN BAR BUILDING WARRANT.
Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has to submit Building Warrant Ref number and progress report on Works for the Board on WESTERNS SEV APPLICATION.

Can you email [REDACTED] with up to date Info,

Many Thanks [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

2 G10 Email sent to architect 10/07/2025 KHO
Hello [REDACTED]

RE: THE WESTERN BAR 157-159 WEST PORT

I am a Licensing Standards Officer for the West Port area. I'm currently writing a memo to the Licensing Board regarding the above premises. The memo includes an update on alterations to the basement level of the premises. I see there was an application for a building warrant submitted in September last year to change the layout of the basement. Has there been any progress since then? Is the delay with the council or with the applicant? Any help would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

3 G16 Visit to Locus 10/07/2025 KHO
Licensing Standards Officers conducted an inspection on 1st July 2025 and a follow up visit on the 10th July 2025. They met with the duty manager [REDACTED] to discuss the 'Standard Conditions for

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Licensing and Regulation of Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs)'.
Each condition was discussed with the following observations:

Control of Entry to the Premises

Signs are displayed regarding terms of entry including Challenge 25 Notices. Refusal logs are kept and were available for inspection. Conditions 2 - 6 were being adhered to.

Security and CCTV

SIA staff are employed at the entrance and circulate within the premises. CCTV is available, is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and footage is held for 30 days. [REDACTED] is present 7 days per week. One other staff member is fully trained in the operation of the CCTV system. There are 4 booths on the ground floor level next to the bar and one room on the lower ground floor. There are panic alarms in booths. There is a panic alarm in the downstairs room. Conditions 9 - 15 were being complied with.

Layout and External Appearance of Premises

The applicant included a photograph of the exterior of the premises with their application. There is a silhouette of a female in the window with the words 'Lap' and 'Strip'

These appear to be contrary to Condition 16:

- No display, advertisement, signage or other matter shall be exhibited so as to be visible from outside the premises (with certain exceptions).

The manager stated that the signs informed passers-by, who would not be interested in these activities, of the nature of the business.

The external storm doors remain open and are controlled at all times by SIA staff. The internal vestibule door has an automatic closure. This door is a fire door. There is no view into the premises from outside, with all windows covered. All other windows are blocked off. Conditions 17 - 21 were being complied with.

Record Keeping

The manager showed LSOs staff records and the incident logbook which is kept behind the bar. All appeared to be in order. Conditions 22 - 27 were adhered to.

Performances

Performers were not present when LSOs were visiting. When performing customers are not permitted to have any physical contact with the dancers. Performers are not permitted to exchange personal details with customers, which is written into their work contract. All booths have curtains. The manager stated he wished to discuss this condition with the Committee as he wished the curtains to remain on the booths. The performance areas are monitored at all times.

The booths had curtains and the room downstairs was accessed through a door. This appears to be contrary to condition 37.

With the exception of condition 37 above, conditions 28 - 38 were being complied with.

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Premises Management and Staff Welfare

The premises has a shower and a staff toilet which are all controlled by key fob entry. There are lockers for performers located in the corridor outside the staff facilities on the layout plan.

The shower, lockers and staff toilet can all be accessed separately when the staff changing room is being used as a performance area. The kitchen area is within the staff changing room and this cannot be accessed when the room is used as a dance space. The committee may wish to assess the suitability of this arrangement during a site visit.

Condition 40 was suspended for the duration of the licence with an undertaking from the applicant that the work proposed was carried out "as soon as possible". A building warrant application was made in September 2024. This was rejected. An amendment was made to the rejected drawing in June 2025. A building warrant is yet to be obtained.

Condition 42 states; performers shall be provided with their own sanitary facilities separate from those used by customers. There was a toilet, shower and sink available in the basement area.

Conditions 45 and 46. A welfare policy for staff was not present when visited on the 1st or 10th of July

Conditions 39 - 46 appeared to be complied with (with minor exceptions mentioned above).

Touting for Business

Management are fully aware of this condition and confirmed that they do not tout for business in any public place (condition 47).

In addition Personal Licences for staff and a minor variation submitted to update the DPM details received.

4	G05	Email received with updated welfare pack for performers Hi [REDACTED]		11/07/2025		KHO
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Hopefully our welfare policy and info pack is now up to required standard?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]