
POLICY FOR LICENCES FOR SEX ESTABLISHMENT PREMISES

1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 To consider the proposed policy for issuing sex establishment licences under Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To consider the proposed policy and the recommendations of the Public Protection Sub-Committee and recommend the Executive accordingly.

3.0 Information

- 3.1 At the Council meeting on 16th March 2011 a resolution was passed to adopt the amended provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Authority to determine any applications pursuant to the new provision and also the power to consult on any necessary policy was delegated to the Public Protection Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 The new provisions will mean that lap dancing and similar premises will need to apply for a sexual entertainment venue licence in addition to any licence that might be required under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.3 A draft policy setting out the Council's requirements for premises to be licensed under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 has been prepared and was the subject of a six week consultation exercise ending in June 2011.
- 3.4 The proposed policy attached at Appendix 3 (a) has been prepared taking into consideration the responses to the consultation attached at Appendix 3 (b).
- 3.5 This policy was considered by the Public Protection Sub-Committee at its meeting on the 22nd September 2011, the Sub-Committee resolved as follows:
That approval of the proposed policy be recommended to the Licensing Committee, subject to the following amendments:
1. Section 12 - Location of licensed premises should also have regard to the proximity of similar venues.
 2. Appendix b - Standard conditions for sexual entertainment venues should include 'any person connected with or employed by the business who can be observed from outside the premises must be fully dressed. Scantily clad individuals must not exhibit in the entrance way or in the area surrounding the premises. (Scantily clad means that nudity or underwear is visible.)'

4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 Nil.

5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 The Head of Legal Services will be represented at the meeting to advise the Committee.
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Appendices:

Appendix 3 (a): Proposed Policy

Appendix 3 (b): Responses to consultation