

# **Cheltenham Borough Council**

## **Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-committee – 8 May 2019**

### **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982**

### **Review of Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Policy**

#### **Report of the Licensing Team Leader**

#### **1. Summary and recommendation**

- 1.1 The council's Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) policy statement is due to be reviewed. Sexual entertainment falls within the remit of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-committee and as such it is within the remit of this committee to take a lead on the review of this policy.
- 1.2 In order to facilitate the review, and taking into account the sensitivities around the licensing of sexual entertainment venues, this committee has recommended that the review of this policy also include the ability for key stakeholders to provide an insight and view on the licensing and regulation of sexual entertainment in the town.
- 1.3 This reports seeks endorsement from the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-committee of this approach.
- 1.4 **The Committee is recommended to:**
- 1.4.1 **Endorse the policy review approach as set out in this report, subject to any comments Members may have;**
- 1.4.2 **Nominate a politically balanced number of Members from the committee to sit on the review panel; and**
- 1.4.3 **Delegate authority to the Licensing Team Leader, in consultation with the chair of the Licensing Committee, to:**
- 1. Agree who should be invited for this purpose;**
  - 2. Make the practical arrangements necessary to facilitate this review; and**
  - 3. Agree the scope for the policy statement review.**
- 1.5 **Implications**

Legal

**Contact officer: One Legal**  
**E-mail: [legalservices@tewkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:legalservices@tewkesbury.gov.uk)**  
**Tel no: 01684 272015**

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The council's Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) policy statement was adopted on 13 October 2014 and is due for a review.

- 2.2 The regulation of sexual entertainment has proven an emotive subject with strong views both in favour of regulation and equally those in favour of setting a zero limit in the town – thereby effectively banning Sexual Entertainment Venues apart from those that operate under the statutory exemption.
- 2.3 In light of this, this committee has put forward a view that in order to facilitate the review of the policy statement, it would be appropriate for key stakeholders to be invited to informally address the Members of this committee. The purpose of this would to assist Members in their understanding of the width of issues relevant to the regulation of sexual entertainment in the town.
- 2.4 The feedback from these sessions will assist Members in their work and thinking on the proposed policy position moving forward.

---

**Background Papers**

Service Records

**Case Officer**

**Contact officer: Mr Phillip Bowen**  
**E-mail: [licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk)**  
**Tel no: 01242 262626**