

Cheltenham Borough Council

"Miscellaneous" Licensing Sub-committee – 5 August 2020

Request for national review of SEV Policy

Note from the Chairman – Cllr Dr David Willingham

Executive Summary and Recommendations

At the extraordinary meeting of Council on 29th July 2020, the renewal of the Council's revised Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy was debated and approved.

During the meeting some members moved an amendment that the town should have a nil limit. During the debate on that amendment, concerns about the effect of this and the use of the exemption were raised. The Chairman of Licensing stated that he would write to Ministers, local MPs and others to raise concerns about the exemption.

Members are requested to:

Note the attached letter, a copy of which has been sent electronically to the Local Government Association for the attention of the Safer Communities Board.

Note that similar letters have been sent to the addressees listed below:

Members of Parliament whose constituencies include wards within the Cheltenham Borough Council municipal boundary:

Mr Alex Chalk MP - Cheltenham Constituency

Mr Laurence Robertson MP - Tewkesbury Constituency

The following Ministers:

The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP - Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Mr Kit Malthouse MP - Minister of State (Minister for Crime and Policing)

Ms Victoria Atkins MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Safeguarding)

The Local Government Association Safer Communities Board

The Institute of Licensing