

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting3rd November 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Sex Establishment Licensing Policy

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report relating to the adoption of a Sex Establishment Licensing policy following consultation with relevant stakeholders.

It was explained that on 22nd December 2010 Cabinet determined that a draft Sexual Establishments Policy by officers should be prepared for consultation with relevant parties.

On 26th July 2010 the Licensing Committee determined that the Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services carry out consultation on the draft policy document with all relevant stakeholders and that the draft Sex Establishment Policy together with the results of the consultation exercise be referred to Cabinet for approval.

Consultation on the draft policy was undertaken with:

- Cleveland Police Force;
- Cleveland Fire Brigade;
- Existing Premise Licence holders;
- Existing Club Premise Certificate holders;
- Existing Personal License holders;
- Representatives of businesses and residents in the Stockton Borough Council area;
- The Local Safeguarding Children's Board;
- Trade bodies and Associations; and
- A number of Solicitors Practices who undertake licensing work in this area.

Additionally a notice was placed in the local press and copies of the consultation document placed on the Trading Standards and Licensing website.

Comments received supported the introduction of the draft policy.

Members were provided with the draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy

RECOMMENDED to Council that the adoption of the draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy in relation to applications made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3 as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 be adopted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The adoption of a policy for sex establishments allowed the Council to outline its views for applicants about issues such as suitability of applicants, the number of establishments and where they could be located. In determining applications Members and officers would have due regard to the policy whilst considering each application on its merits.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not applicable

Proper Officer
10 November 2011