

# Equality Impact Assessment

Section One: About the Strategy / Policy / Function - *instructions appear in the status bar at bottom of screen*

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Development & Neighbourhood Services	Community Protection	Trading Standards & Licensing	David Kitching
<b>Support Officer(S)</b>		<b>EIA Completion Date</b> 13 October 2011	
<b>1) Name of policy / function</b>	The Licensing Of Sex Establishments		
<b>2) Is this new or existing?</b>	New		
<b>3) What is the overall aim(s) of the policy / function?</b>	<p>Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 amended Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1982 to enable local authorities to choose whether to control sexual entertainment venues. This affects establishments that provide 'relevant entertainment' as defined in the 1982 Act – for example (but not exclusively) premises that provide lap dancing, pole dancing, table dancing, strip shows, peep shows and live sex shows.</p> <p>Following consultation Stockton Council decided to adopt the legislation. The Council also determined a new policy on the licensing of sex establishments, which sets out how the council intends to administer the licensing process. The adopted legislation took effect on 1 April 2011. There then follows a 12 month transitional period during which no new operators can begin to trade, but existing operators may continue. Anyone wishing to operate a sexual entertainment venue from 1 April 2012 may only do so if they already have a licence granted by the Council.</p> <p>The aim is to achieve a fair and transparent method of controlling sex establishments in accordance with the relevant legislation</p>		

<p><b>4) What are the objectives of the policy / function?</b></p>	<p>The policy on the licensing of sex establishments sets out how the council intends to administer the licensing process.</p> <p>Before local authorities were able to control sexual entertainment venues, relevant entertainment was unrestricted. Premises offering such entertainment may have required an authorisation under the Licensing Act 2003 relating to the sale or supply of alcohol, provision of music, dancing, film, etc., or the provision of late night refreshment.</p> <p>The amendment of the relevant legislation means that Stockton Council is now able to control not only the number of sexual entertainment venues within the Borough, but also how they are permitted to operate.</p> <p>The public may be affected both directly and indirectly, and this is why extensive consultation was undertaken to help the Council decide whether or not to adopt the legislation and , if so, what should be in the policy on licensing sex establishments.</p>
<p><b>5) Who implements this policy / function within Stockton-on-Tees and how?</b></p>	<p>Members of the Licensing Committee and officers of the Trading Standards &amp; Licensing Service under delegated powers as outlined in the constitution. Decisions will be made having regard to the appropriate legislation, guidance and the Council's policy.</p>
<p><b>6) Are there any partner agencies involved in the delivery of this policy / function? If so, whom?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>7) Are other services affected by this policy / function? If yes which are they?</b></p>	<p>No</p>

## Data Review and Analysis

The data analysis should be used to identify who are the actual and potential customers for this policy. And any significant findings across the diversity strands i.e. any data that shows a difference or tells a story about the strand

### **NATIONALLY COLLECTED DATA e.g. Census 2001, Labour Force Survey etc.**

**Please list significant findings for age, disability, faith/belief, gender, race, sexual orientation and community cohesion.**

As this is new legislation there is limited information available

Academic and lobbying organisations have compiled information that suggests the implementation of the legislation, in accordance with our policy will better protect vulnerable groups, in particular women and children

See the  
Object fact sheet for an example of some of the information available



Object Fact Sheet on  
Lap Dancing.pdf

### **LOCALLY COLLECTED DATA e.g. IPSOS MORI Household Survey, BVPIs, Viewpoint**

**Please list significant findings for age, disability, faith/belief, gender, race sexual orientation and community cohesion**

Stockton has licensed the provision of lap dancing in the past, neither establishment have maintained their licence for such provision , suggesting that there is limited commercial viability for such outlets in Stockton

### **SERVICE AREA COLLECTED DATA e.g. Comments and Complaints, User Surveys, Evaluation Forms.**

**Please list significant findings for age, disability, faith/belief, gender, race sexual orientation and community cohesion**

As this is new legislation there is limited data available, currently Stockton does not have any sex cinemas, sex shops or sexual entertainment venues.

## Stage 2 Scoring the Policy

Now that you have all the information available you can move onto scoring the policy for impact:

	Does it reduce discrimination?	Does it or is it likely to promote equality of opportunity?	Does it promote good relations between these groups?	Does it encourage participation in public life and access to council services?	Does it promote positive attitudes and images to different groups?	Total Score for strand
Age	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	11
Disability	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	10
Faith/Belief	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	10
Gender	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	13
Race	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	10
Sexual Orientation	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	10
Community Cohesion	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	10
<b>Total Score</b>						<b>74</b>

### Scoring System:

- Score 3 if the policy has a positive effect
- Score 2 if the policy has a neutral effect
- Score 1 if the policy has a negative effect
- If a score has been awarded due to lack of data rather than anticipated effect please indicate by using **the check box**

**Evidencing the Score** - Positive impact scores (3) should be evidenced in the table below. This is not a repeat of the data in the review and analysis section but a demonstration of how the policy or strategy is having a positive impact. For example, if there is a specific section in a document that sets out what you are trying to achieve, please reference here.

<b>Score being evidenced</b>	<b>Reference / Source / Justification for the score</b>
Gender & Age	<p>The Council recognises that there is potential for exploitation of workers in sex establishments, particularly women and children. The policy aims to prevent this by allowing sex establishments to operate only in a controlled environment. To do otherwise would encourage unregulated premises.</p> <p>Conditions are also aimed at the welfare of visitors, workers/performers and to prevent exploitation. Conditions also address the age of people allowed to visit, work or perform on the premises.</p>

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### Action Plan:

This action plan highlights that will address the issues highlighted in the Equalities Impact Assessment. Longer term issues will be developed into actions within the relevant Service Improvement Plan. They will also be included in the Disability, Gender and Race Action plans that form part of the Council's Single Equality Scheme

Objective - To ensure the Licensing Of Sex Establishments Policy / Function is being delivered so all residents have equal opportunities to benefit from its aims and objectives.		
<b>Key Actions</b>	<b>Who is responsible?</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Review of Policy in three years.	Trading Standards & Licensing Manager	July 2014

<b>Stage 3 Publication and Monitoring</b> Date of Publication Date Set for Review	<b>Published Score</b>
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