

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th November 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Review of the Council's Sex Establishment Licensing Policy

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy following its review and consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Council previously agreed to adopt Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, which enabled the licensing of sexual entertainment venues (Cabinet Decision 20th December 2010 refers). Council also agreed to the introduction of a Sex Establishments Policy (Cabinet Decision 3rd November 2011 refers) . The original policy was adopted following extensive consultation with interested parties including Cleveland Police, representatives of businesses and residents in the Borough, Premise Licence and Club Premise Certificate holders (alcohol licensed premises) and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Since the adoption of the policy in November 2011, no applications for a sexual entertainment licence had been received by the Authority and no issues or concerns had been raised. The Policy set out in detail the Authority's views in relation to suitability of applicants, number of establishments and where they could be located.

As a result it was proposed that the policy remained relatively unchanged and that the policy be reviewed, in future, every 5 years.

The policy was considered by the Authority's Licensing Committee on 4th November 2014. Members agreed to a proposal to carry out a consultation exercise with stakeholders.

A consultation exercise was carried out between 20th November 2014 and the 16th January 2015. The review was advertised in the Herald & Post on the 20th November 2014, with a copy of the policy available on the Trading Standards & Licensing website. No comments were received.

A copy of the Policy was also circulated to Responsible Authorities

designated under the Licensing Act including Public Health, Planning, Environmental Health, Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Cleveland Police.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy as presented in Appendix 1 be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The adoption of a policy for sex establishments allows the Council to outline its views for applicants about issues such as suitability of applicants, the number of establishments and where they can be located. In determining applications Members and officers will 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

N/A

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

N/A

Proper Officer
16 November 2015