

Appendix 2

Sex Establishment Licensing Policy Review

Comments on Current Policy

From	Comment	Officers Comments
Cllr Baldock	<p>point 48. The requirement for black ink on white pages. That related to the days of photocopying, now we scan so it doesn't matter, and in any case, we are not going to reject an objection because we don't like the colour of the ink used, so that is silly and should be withdrawn</p>	<p>The policy states - Objections should: Be preferably in black ink on A4 paper. This is not taken from the legislation or the guidance document but is in line with wording in the Licensing Act 2003. This phrase could be withdrawn from the policy, however if the wording remains unchanged, members can be assured this is only a preference and objections would not be rejected for this reason.</p>
<p>Mandy MacKinnon Strategic Health & Wellbeing Manager</p>	<p>I would ask that the policy makes reference to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding vulnerable adults - Vulnerable Exploited Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) strategy - Modern Slavery Act - SBC's Domestic Abuse Strategy <p>I'd ask that it is made absolutely explicit that this policy does not stand in isolation from any of the above.</p>	<p>Any application received is subject to a 28 day consultation period. Police are a statutory consultee. Comments would also be invited from the Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003, namely Fire Service, Environmental Health, Children's Services, Public Health, Planning, Trading Standards, Immigration Enforcement. It is during this consultation period concerns involving safeguarding vulnerable adults, VEMT, modern day slavery and domestic abuse could be raised and addressed.</p> <p>Proposed wording pg. 3. Other Statues and Policies</p> <p>Consideration in the preparation of this policy has been given to safeguarding children and adults and the prevention of all forms of exploitation. New applicants and existing licensees will be made aware this policy does not stand in isolation from other policies and legislation addressing these concerns. Up to date links to these documents will be made available on the Councils website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modern Slavery Act 2015 - Safeguarding Adults Policy - Vulnerable Exploited Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) Strategy - Domestic Abuse Strategy

Documents relating can be found at:

Safeguarding Adults

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/our-people/safeguarding-adults/>

Vulnerable Exploited Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) Strategy

<https://www.teescpp.org.uk/>

Modern Slavery Act 2015

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/contents/enacted>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/939411/Modern_Slavery_Statutory_Guidance_EW_Non-Statutory_Guidance_SNI_v1.03_.pdf

SBC's Domestic Abuse Strategy

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/our-people/domestic-abuse-strategy/>