

## *Report to the Council*

**Committee:** Licensing **Date:** 13 October 2010  
**Subject:** Licensing of Sex Entertainment Venues **Item:** 15  
**Chairman:** Councillor Pat Brooks

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### **Recommendations:**

- (1) That the amendment to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3 made by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to licence sexual entertainment venues from 14 December 2010 be adopted:**
  - (2) That the delegations to the Committee, Sub-Committees and Officers be as set out in the Appendix attached and appropriate amendments be made to the Council's Constitution;**
  - (3) That the fees in respect of the issue of a Sexual Entertainment Venue licence be £3,000 and £1,500 on renewal**
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1. We received a report that the Policing and Crime Act 2009 has amended Section 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to allow the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues, where 'relevant entertainment' is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the entertainer or organiser. 'Relevant entertainment' means 'any live display or entertainment of nudity', i.e.; striptease, lap dancing etc. There is an exemption from the requirement to register if there will be less than eleven events held each year at a venue.

2. If, the Council decides to adopt this provision it may take into account when deciding whether to grant a licence the following:

- (a) the character of the locality;
- (b) the use of other premises in the locality, and
- (c) the layout, character, condition or location of the premises.

3. However, if the Council decides not to licence Sexual Entertainment Venues it will have to carry out a consultation process and, if appropriate, any such entertainment would be regulated by the Licensing Act 2003.

4. We have considered a suggested draft policy and licence conditions and have decided that if the Council adopts our recommendations, these would be made the subject of a consultation process.

