

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 26TH JULY 2010

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

REGULATION OF SEXUAL ENCOUNTER VENUES

The Licensing Committee has considered a report which advised that the Policing and Crime Act 2009 had reclassified lap dancing clubs as Sexual Encounter Venues and gave local authorities in England and Wales the power to regulate them as Sex Establishments under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

It is intended that these new measures, once adopted, will give local people a greater say over where, and how many, lap dancing clubs open and operate in their neighbourhoods.

The Licensing Committee endorsed a Sexual Encounter Venue Policy Statement and Guidelines, subject to an amendment and agreed to make recommendations on matters which were not within the delegated authority of that Committee, including the fees for a sex shop and / or Sexual Encounter Venue Licence and the necessary delegation of powers to the relevant Head of Service.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Council re-affirm the adoption of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and adopt Section 27, paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 3 to the Policing and Crime Act 2009 with effect from 16th September 2010;
- (b) that the Council set a fee for a sex shop and / or Sexual Encounter Venue Licence and include that fee within the Council's Fees and Charges register as follows:-

▪ Grant	£920.00
▪ Renewal	£890.00
▪ Transfer	£135.00
- (c) that the Council delegates to the Head of Regulatory Services all powers under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and Section 27, paragraph 2(2) to the Policing and Crime Act 2009.