

Licensing and Regulatory Committee
8th February 2021

Title: Draft - Sexual Entertainment Policy
Lead Officer: Kathleen Rose
Portfolio Holder: Judith Falp
Public report
Wards of the District directly affected: All

Contrary to the policy framework: No
 Contrary to the budgetary framework: No
 Key Decision: No
 Included within the Forward Plan: No
 Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken: Yes
 Consultation & Community Engagement: Legal Services have advised that this draft policy would not require a public consultation.
 Final Decision: No
 Accessibility checked: Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	19.01.2021	Andy Jones
Head of Service	28.01.2021	Marianne Rolfe
CMT		
Section 151 Officer	28.01.2021	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	28.01.2021	Graham Leach
Finance	28.01.2021	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	18.01.2021	Judith Falp

1. Summary

- 1.1. To present the reviewed draft Sexual Entertainment Establishment Policy which is applicable to all Sexual Entertainment Establishments within the Warwick District Boundary.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Committee notes the reviewed draft policy and make comment upon it to assist the Executive in making a determination with regard to adopting the policy.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 3.1 The current Sexual Entertainment Policy was adopted on 2nd June 2016. It is used to outline the Council's approach to sexual entertainment applications and premises within the district. The Policy has been reviewed by the Licensing Team.
- 3.2 A review of the policy has been undertaken by the Licensing Team Leader. A review of applications received during the period has confirmed that there are no corrective measures to be made.
- 3.3 There have been no enquiries or complaints received from licence holders, members of the public or any responsible authorities during the period which has confirmed that there are no corrective measures to be made.
- 3.4 Legal Services have been consulted on this review and have not requested any changes to the documents.
- 3.5 Legal Service were asked whether the draft policy would require a full public consultation and advised that the changes were so minimal that it would not be required.
- 3.6 The proposed policy is attached to this report as Appendix 1. A summary of the main alterations is included as Appendix 2.

4. Policy Framework

4.1. Fit for the Future (FFF)

- 4.1.1. The Council's FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects.
- 4.1.2. The FFF Strategy has 3 strands, People, Services and Money, and each has an external and internal element to it, the details of which can be found [on the Council's website](#). The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council's FFF Strategy."

4.2. FFF Strands

4.2.1 External impacts of proposal(s)

People - Health, Homes, Communities - None.

Services - Green, Clean, Safe - Sexual entertainment venues (SEV's) are likely to also be licensed under the Licensing Act 2003. Additional controls will strengthen the Licensing Objectives, one of which is the prevention of crime and disorder.

Money- Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment - Licensing enables the Council to more closely regulate SEV's and will therefore assist in delivering the Corporate priorities of economy and society.

4.2.2. Internal impacts of the proposal(s)

People - Effective Staff – None.

Services - Maintain or Improve Services - None.

Money - Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term - none.

4.3. Supporting Strategies

4.3.1. Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies and the relevant ones for this proposal are the Equality Objectives and the Enforcement Policy.

4.4. Changes to Existing Policies

4.4.1. This policy has no impact on any other part of the Council's policy framework.

4.5. Impact Assessments

4.5.1. A full impact assessment has been carried out.

5. Budgetary Framework

5.1. There are no budgetary implications resulting from this policy review.

6. Risks

6.1. There are no additional risk implications resulting from this policy review.

7. Alternative Option(s) considered

7.1. The Committee request a public consultation on the draft policy before making comment. Legal Services have advised that this is not necessary.

7.2. The Committee choose not to recommend the proposed policy to the Executive. The purpose of the policy is to provide clear guidance for officers and Councillors on what matters should be taken into account when determining applications, it would be more difficult to ensure consistent application of the law to applicants without a policy to work with.

8. Background

8.1 The proposed policy includes changes to introduce a formal review timetable for the document and minor grammatical changes to both the policy document and the conditions which are attached to any licence granted.