



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

11 FEBRUARY 2009

Report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services

CHANGES TO LICENSING PREMISES OFFERING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the information contained in this report regarding the proposed changes to the licensing of premises offering entertainment of an adult nature.
- 1.2 To agree that a Cross Party Working Group considers the proposed changes once they have received Royal Assent and report back any recommendations to Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 9 July 2008, Committee considered a report regarding the request for views on controlling lap dancing establishments from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). A Cross Party Working Group considered the issue and a response was sent from the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
- 2.2 The DCMS have now finished consultation on this subject and are proposing amendments to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to bring the licensing of lap dancing clubs, pole dancing clubs and other similar venues under the regime of the 1982 Act. This is due to receive Royal Assent later in the year. The 1982 Act is currently used to regulate establishments such as sex shops and sex cinemas.
- 2.3 It is proposed that a new category of sex establishment is created called a sex encounter venue. This will include lap dancing clubs, pole dancing clubs and other similar venues.

- 2.4 The amendment will allow Local Authorities to introduce a procedure for dealing with sex encounter venues in a similar way to the controls already in place for sex shops. This could include the introduction of a policy controlling the type, number and location of these types of premises, the application of standard conditions to each premises, and the setting of fees for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence.
- 2.5 Members are asked to consider the formation of a Cross Party Working Group to look at the proposed changes and, if necessary, formulate a procedure for dealing with sex encounter venues that can be considered by Committee at a future meeting.

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Background papers:	General Licensing Committee 9 July 2008 – Late Item, Request for Views on Controlling Lap Dancing Establishments
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising.

Legal

2. Detailed in the report.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The recommendations contained in this report contribute to the corporate objectives of **giving excellent services and value for money**.