# Licensing Committee

# Grand Jury Room, Town Hall 25 November 2009 at 7.00pm

## The Licensing Committee deals with

licensing applications for public entertainments, hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, sex establishments, gaming and lotteries, door registration scheme and other appeals.

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# COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE 25 November 2009 at 7:00pm

#### **Members**

Chairman : Councillor Barrie Cook.

Deputy Chairman : Councillor Christopher Garnett.

Councillors John Bouckley, Helen Chuah, Nick Cope,

Wyn Foster, Mike Hogg, Margaret Kimberley, Michael Lilley,

Philip Oxford, Ann Quarrie and Laura Sykes.

# Agenda - Part A

(open to the public including the media)

Members of the public may wish to note that Agenda items 1 to 5 are normally brief.

**Pages** 

#### 1. Welcome and Announcements

- (a) The Chairman to welcome members of the public and Councillors and to remind all speakers of the requirement for microphones to be used at all times.
- (b) At the Chairman's discretion, to announce information on:
  - action in the event of an emergency;
  - mobile phones switched off or to silent;
  - location of toilets;
  - introduction of members of the meeting.

#### 2. Substitutions

Members may arrange for a substitute councillor to attend a meeting on their behalf, subject to prior notice being given. The attendance of substitute councillors must be recorded.

#### 3. Urgent Items

To announce any items not on the agenda which the Chairman has agreed to consider because they are urgent and to give reasons for the urgency.

#### 4. Have Your Say!

(a) The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition at this meeting – either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter not on this agenda. You should

indicate your wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.

(b) The Chairman to invite contributions from members of the public who wish to Have Your Say! on a general matter not on this agenda.

#### 5. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman to invite Councillors to declare individually any personal interests they may have in the items on the agenda.

If the personal interest arises because of a Councillor's membership of or position of control or management on:

- any body to which the Councillor has been appointed or nominated by the Council; or
- · another public body

then the interest need only be declared if the Councillor intends to speak on that item.

If a Councillor declares a personal interest they must also consider whether they have a prejudicial interest. If they have a prejudicial interest they must leave the room for that item.

If a Councillor wishes to make representations on an item on which they have a prejudicial interest they may do so if members of the public are allowed to make representations. In such circumstances a Councillor must leave the room immediately once they have finished speaking.

An interest is considered to be prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillors should consult paragraph 7 of the Meetings General Procedure Rules for further guidance.

6. Minutes 1-2

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009.

#### 7. Gambling Policy Consultation

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See report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services.

#### 8. Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs

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See report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services.

# LICENSING COMMITTEE 11 NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor Barrie Cook (Chairman)
Councillors John Bouckley, Michael Lilley,
Ann Quarrie and Laura Sykes

#### 13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

The Committee/Panel resolved under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 14. Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Appeal A

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services on an appeal against the Licensing Manager's decision not to grant a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence because recent motoring convictions placed the applicant outside of the Council's licensing standards and previous convictions although spent, potentially called into question the applicant's 'fit and proper' status. The Licensing Manager and the appellant attended, presented their cases and then the Committee withdrew to consider the matter and make their determination.

#### **RESOLVED that-**

- (i) the appeal be upheld
- (ii) A one year probationary hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence subject to the following condition;
- 'If during the period of this probationary licence you are convicted of any criminal or motoring offence, receive any Police caution, receive a fixed penalty notice or ticket in relation to a criminal or motoring offence, or do not fully comply with the Council's hackney carriage/private hire driver, vehicle or operator licensing conditions, then this licence will be automatically revoked with an immediate effect'.

The Committee/Panel resolved under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 15. Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Appeal B

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services on whether or not one of the holders of a hackney carriage/private hire drivers licence was still a 'fit and proper' person to continue holding such a licence given their recent conviction. The Licensing Manager and the licence holder attended, presented their cases and then the Committee withdrew to consider the matter and make their determination.

RESOLVED that six penalty points be issued in accordance with the Council's Penalty Point Scheme for hackney carriage/private hire drivers and operators.



## **Licensing Committee**

Item 8

**25 November 2009** 

Report of Head of Environmental & Protective Author Simon Harvey

Services **№ 282701** 

Title Approval of the Councils draft Statement of Gambling Policy following a

public consultation and also a Legal opinion having been sought on the

robustness of the Policy from Counsel.

Wards affected

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This report details the outcome of the consultation exercise carried out for the Council's draft Statement of Gambling Policy and seeks the Licensing Committees approval for the adoption of the proposed final Statement of Gambling Policy by full Council.

#### 1. Decision Required

1.1 Members are asked to consider the outcome of the public consultation exercise and also the legal opinion that has been sought from Counsel in relation to the draft Statement of Gambling Policy, endorse the proposed amendments that have been made to it and recommend the proposed draft for the final approval of the full Council on 10 December 2009.

#### 2. Reasons for Decision

- 2.1 The Council must re-adopt its licensing policy every three years as a requirement of the Gambling Act 2005. The policy can also be known as a Statement of Licensing Principles.
- 2.2 A final version of the policy must be approved by the Licensing Committee at its meeting of the 25 November and by full Council on the 10 December 2009. It must be in place and published by no later than the 31 January 2010.
- 2.3 The timetable for the preparation, consultation, approval and publication of this policy is extremely tight and is prescribed by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the Gambling Commission.

#### 3. Alternative Options

3.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires this policy to be in place as a legal requirement of that Act and also so that the Council can lawfully accept applications submitted to it under the Gambling Act after the 31 January 2010. Consequently there is no alternative.

#### 4. Supporting Information

4.1 Members will recall that at the Licensing Committee meeting held on 7 October 2009, their approval was given for the commencement of the public consultation period for the proposed draft of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy and also to seek Counsel's opinion on the draft policy to ensure that it is legally sound and complaint with the

- Gambling Act 2005 and also the guidance issued by the Gambling Commission that accompanies the Act.
- 4.2 The consultation period ran from 16 October to 13 November 2009 although relevant responses were still accepted after the closing date.
- 4.3 A full list of all of the businesses, organisations, interested parties, responsible authorities, Councillors, voluntary groups and Parish and Town Councils who were invited to participate in the consultation is attached to this report. (See appendix 1).
- 4.4 The consultation was separated into two components with existing businesses holding a premises licence under the Gambling Act, responsible authorities and Members of the Licensing Committee being provided with a hard copy of the draft revision to the Statement of Gambling Policy and all other interested parties being advised that the revised draft was available to view or download via the licensing pages of the Councils web site. Copies of the consultation letters are attached to this report. (See appendix 2).
- 4.5 A disappointing total of just 1 response was received to the consultation exercise which was received from Castle Ward Councillor Henry Spyvee and was accepted beyond the closing date. Councillor Spyvee's response is attached to this report. (See appendix 3).
- 4.6 The licensing manager believes that Councillor Spyvee has made some perfectly valid points and will address his comments in relation to paragraph 4.6, 'key facts and figures', by amending the policy where the statistical information is available to do so.
- 4.7 However it is a little more difficult to make the amendments sought by Councillor Spyvee in regards to paragraph 16.7 'licensing objectives', because the policy will run for a period of three years and crime statistics may vary considerably for different areas within that time period. As a result, this aspect of the policy might require constant checking and amendment.
- 4.8 It would therefore be expected that the Police as the relevant responsible authority for matters concerning 'crime and disorder', would make comment on an application received as to the question of whether or not the area the premises was located in experienced high levels of crime and disorder and whether or not the application should be granted as a result. If a representation is received from the Police on these grounds which objected to an application submitted, the level of crime and disorder is a factor that the Licensing Sub Committee panel might wish to consider at a hearing.
- 4.9 The final revision of the draft Statement of Gambling Policy is attached to this report. The Licensing Committee will see from this that the amendments made by the licensing manager to the original policy document are shown in italics and are also highlighted in bold text. (See attached as appendix 4).
- 4.10 Counsel has considered the draft revision to the policy and has made a number of relatively minor amendments to it. These amendments are also shown in the draft and are highlighted in bold text and currently have a 'tracking' format identification marked against the changes.

#### 5. Proposals

5.1 It is proposed that Members agree to these amendments to the original draft policy document and agree to incorporate them into the final policy to be taken to full Council on the 10 December 2009.

#### 6. Strategic Plan References

6.1 The Council's overall strategic vision for Colchester is for it to develop as a prestigious regional centre. The Statement of Gambling Policy seeks to positively support that strategic vision. In addition, the proposed draft revision of the Statement of Gambling Policy also links into the strategic plan in relation to the following criteria:

#### Community Safety

6.2 The Council's Statement of Gambling Policy recognises the need for commercial enterprises involved in gambling to be able to go about their lawful business without being hindered by unnecessary restrictions. However, at the same time it also recognises the scope for negative effects that gambling can have on both society and individuals, and endeavours to ensure that the approach adopted by the Licensing Authority will be proportionate, reasonable, accountable, consistent, transparent and targeted and in accordance with the principles of Better Regulation.

#### 7. Consultation

7.1 The revised draft policy has been comprehensively consulted on in accordance with the Guidance issued by the Gambling Commission under paragraphs 6.13, 6.14 and 6.15 of the Commissions third edition of Guidance to Licensing Authorities issued in May 2009 and primarily through the use of the Council's web site, the Licensing Authority will continue to publicise the implications of this policy and the legislation covered under the Gambling Act 2005 and also assist licence and permit holders as widely as it possibly and practically can.

#### 8. Publicity Considerations

8.1 Those businesses, persons, responsible authorities, voluntary groups and other interested parties who may be affected by this policy or have an interest in it, have been invited to submit comments via the consultation process which was the most direct way of publicising the policy to those that needed to know about it.

#### 9. Financial Implications

9.1 The Council's Statement of Gambling Policy could be judicially reviewed by an aggrieved party and decisions made by the Licensing Authority to grant or refuse applications submitted under the Gambling Act 2005 can be appealed at Court. The costs of any successful review or appeal brought could be awarded against the Council.

#### 10. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications

- 10.1 The policy has been drafted in accordance with all relevant legislation including the Human Rights Act 1998, Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Race Relations Act 1976.
- 10.2 A licence is to be regarded as the property of the holder and their right to the use of that property must be balanced against any other public interest.

#### 11. Community Safety Implications

11.1 The Council's Statement of Gambling Policy reasonably and proportionately seeks to offer safeguards against gambling activities in Colchester from becoming a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or being used to support crime and

protects children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling wholly in line with the expectations of the Gambling Act 2005 and the guidance issued by the Gambling Commission that accompanies the Act.

11.2 The policy also takes account of the Council's own responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its commitment to reducing crime through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

#### 12. Health and Safety Implications

12.1 There are no direct health and safety issues arising from the policy.

#### 13. Risk Management Implications

13.1 A robust Statement of Gambling Policy provides the Council with a sound basis on which to undertake its responsibilities under the Gambling Act 2005.

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Dear Sir/Madam

# Re Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on renewal of Colchester Borough Council's Three Year Statement of Gambling Policy

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- · Licence premises for gambling activities;
- Consider notices given for the temporary use of premises for gambling;
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- Regulate gaming and gaming machines in alcohol licensed premises;
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- Grant permits for prize gaming:
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The proposed draft of the statement of gambling policy which will run for three years as from the 31 January 2010 has been prepared in accordance with the third edition of guidance given to licensing authorities by the Gambling Commission in May 2009.

You are therefore invited to make comment, observation or representation on this draft policy a copy of which I have enclosed and you can do so in writing either by letter to the address shown on the head of this letter or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:licensing.committe@colchester.gov.uk">licensing.committe@colchester.gov.uk</a>

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#### Alexandra Tuthill

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Henry Spyvee

Sent:

16 November 2009 11:11

To:

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Subject: Consultation on Gambling Act 2005

I have two observations on this Consultations -

! Key Facts and Figures

The figures quoted in para. 4.6 are out-of-date. This may apply to those in paras 4.7 - 4.15 also. They should be updated and the date at which they are corrected quoted so that any key changes can be established.

2. Licensing Objectives

Para. 16.7 (i) talks about 'known high levels of crime and disorder'. There needs to be a definition of which areas of crime are relevant and a definition of what is considered 'high' for these. The level of relevant crime in the area of an application can then be ascertained from the Police and made available to the Licensing Committee, applicants and potential objectors. That would at least reduce the amount of discussion in this field for a contested application.

Regards,

Clir Henry Spyvee



## **Licensing Committee**

Item

**25 November 2009** 

Report of Head of Environmental & Protective

Author Simon Harvey **№** 282701

Services

Title Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs

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This report concerns a consultation document from the Home Office issued on 21 September 2009 which seeks views on the proposals made under clause 26 of the 'Policing and Crime Bill' to introduce a new category of sex establishment under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 which will be called a 'sex encounter venue' and which will primarily encompass venues such as 'lap' or 'pole' dancing clubs.

#### 1. Decision Required

1.1 The Licensing Committee is asked to consider the consultation document issued by the Home Office on 21 September 2009 entitled 'Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs, consultation on transitional arrangements, and is asked to endorse or amend, as it thinks appropriate, the Licensing Manager's proposed response to this document. The Council's response to the consultation must be submitted to the Home Office before the deadline imposed of 14 December 2009.

#### 2. Reasons for Decision

2.1 The Council has been invited by the Home Office to submit a response to its consultation document entitled 'Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs', consultation on transitional arrangements prior to the closing date for such submissions of 14 December 2009. (See attached at appendix 1).

#### 3. Alternative Options

3.1 There is no alternative option to the proposal to reclassify lap dancing and other similar venues as 'sex encounter venues' and although the consultation is voluntary and not mandatory, a response from this Council is advised and preferable given that the Council has a licensed lap dancing club in its area.

#### 4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The Home Office consultation document 'Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs' advises that the increase of lap dancing clubs in recent years has become a matter of concern for many local communities and estimates that since 2004 the number of lap dancing venues has doubled to almost 300 throughout the United Kingdom, although acknowledges that other estimates place this figure much lower at 150.
- 4.2 At this present moment in time, lap dancing clubs are licensed under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. They are subject to the test of promoting the four licensing objectives which accompany the Act and which are the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

- 4.3 Lap dancing in itself is classed as a regulated entertainment under the Licensing Act and at the time of application the applicant for the premises licence would be expected to indicate whether it was intended to provide 'adult' entertainment and if so what that entertainment would be and also clearly indicate in the operating schedule how they would promote the four licensing objectives. Representations made by responsible authorities or interested parties such as residents living in the vicinity of the premises against the application submitted, could only refer to those matters that were considered to be within the scope of the four licensing objectives.
- 4.4 Colchester currently has one venue that is specifically licensed as a club which intends to offer its customers 'adult' entertainment such a lap dancing or pole dancing on a regular basis.
- 4.5 The Government announced on 2 December 2008 that it would introduce legislation under the auspices of the Policing and Crime Bill to reclassify lap dancing clubs and other similar venues to place them into a new category of 'sex establishment' to be called a 'sex encounter venue'. These venues would be licensed and controlled under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
- 4.6 This new category of 'sex establishment' will cover venues that are classed as providing 'relevant entertainment'. Relevant entertainment is defined as any live performance or display of nudity "which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must be reasonably assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (by verbal or other means)".
- 4.7 There will however be an exemption from premises to be licensed as a 'sex encounter venue' that provide such entertainment infrequently, although the consultation document does not explain or qualify what is meant by "infrequently". A Local Authority will also have the discretion to waive the requirement for premises to be licensed as a 'sex encounter venue' even if they do meet the definition that is detailed in paragraph 4.6 above.
- 4.8 It is the Government's intention that Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 will:
  - allow local people to oppose an application for a sex establishment licence if they have legitimate concerns that a lap dancing club would be inappropriate given the character of an area because for example, if the area was primarily a residential area.
  - require licences to be renewed at least yearly, at which point local people will have the opportunity to raise objections with their local authority.
  - allow a local authority to reject a licence application if they believe that to grant a licence for a lap dancing club would be inappropriate given the character of a particular area.
  - allow a local authority to set a limit on the number of sex encounter venues that it thinks is appropriate for a particular area.
  - > allow a local authority to impose a wider range of conditions on the licences of lap dancing clubs than it is currently able to under the 2003 Act.

- 4.9 The Government intends to implement clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill for both existing and new operators of lap dancing clubs or similar who wish to provide 'relevant entertainment' and who will be required to apply for a sex establishment licence under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
- 4.10 The Home Office consultation document therefore seeks the views of local authorities and also other interested groups and parties such as the police on a number of questions posed in the document, as to how the new licensing requirements should be introduced and what should be the transitional arrangements for existing operators to apply for a 'sex establishment licence'. The specific questions that document seeks views on are as follows:
  - i. What are your views on the proposal that the new regime should apply to existing operators and that the transitional provisions should not provide for them to be given preferential treatment when their application for a sex establishment licence comes to be determined?
  - ii. What are your views on the proposed time periods between the 1<sub>st</sub>, 2<sub>nd</sub> and 3<sub>rd</sub> appointed dates and do you believe that a transitional period of 12 months in total is appropriate?
  - iii. Do you agree with the proposed approach for identifying existing operators?
  - iv. What are your views on the proposal for dealing with conditions on existing premises licences/clubs premises certificates that relate specifically to the provision 'relevant entertainment'?
  - v. What are your views on the proposals relating to the existing sex encounter establishment category? Also are you aware of any type of venue that currently requires a licence for a sex encounter establishment that would not require a licence for a sex encounter venue as defined in Clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill?
  - vi. Do you believe that section 22 of the London Local Authorities Act 2004 should be amended in light of the amendments being made in the Policing and Crime Bill?
  - vii. What are your views on the proposal to commence these provisions in April 2010?
  - viii. Do you agree that the suggested costs and benefits set out in the Impact Assessment are a reasonable estimate of the potential costs and benefits? If not, can you provide evidence of what any likely costs and benefits should be?
- 4.11 The Licensing Manager's draft response to these questions is attached as appendix 2 of this report for scrutiny, comment and revision by the Licensing Committee as it sees fit. (See attached at appendix 2).
- The consultation document also attaches an impact assessment of the proposed new measures to regulate lap dancing clubs as 'sex encounter venues' under the sex establishment legislation contained in Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The impact assessment also includes the projected costs to the lap dancing industry nationwide if these proposals are implemented. (See attached at appendix 3).

#### 5. Summary of Proposals

- 5.1 A summary of the proposals contained in clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill to amend Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to reclassify lap dancing clubs and other similar venues providing 'relevant entertainment' as 'sex encounter venues' that would need to hold a sex establishment licence are as follows:
  - Any operator new or existing who wishes to provide 'relevant entertainment' at the end of the transitional period will be required to apply for a sex establishment licence in the manner set out in Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act.
  - Existing operators will be allowed to continue to provide 'relevant entertainment' under their existing permission without interruption for the duration of the transitional period or until their application for a sex establishment licence has been determined, whichever is the later.
  - The transitional period will start on the date Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act comes into force in that area (the 1st appointed date). It will last for 12 months.
  - For 6 months following the 1st appointed date, applicants will be able to submit applications all of which will be considered together by the local authority.
  - Applications received after the first 6 months (the 2nd appointed date) will be considered after applications received before the 2nd appointed date have been determined.
  - Licences granted for sex encounter venues will not take effect until the conclusion of the transitional period (the 3rd appointed date)
- 5.2 The proposed transitional arrangements for existing lap dancing club operators are also included as an annex to the Home Office consultation document and are attached for the perusal of the Licensing Committee. (See attached at appendix 4).
- 5.3 The Licensing Manager proposes to submit the responses that he has drafted which are attached as appendix 2 of this report, subject to any amendments or additions that the Licensing Committee may wish to make.

#### 6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 The Home Office consultation document and the proposals it contains links into the strategic plan for the following criteria:
  - Community Safety
  - Community Development

#### 7. Consultation

7.1 The circulation of the document entitled 'Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs', consultation on transitional arrangements is entirely a matter for the ownership and control of the Home Office. The proposals put forward by this document are open to the scrutiny and consultation of a very broad spectrum of authorities, agencies, associations, interested parties and residents. The referral of this consultation document to the Licensing Committee for their scrutiny and comment and also to the Portfolio Holder for

Environmental & Protective Services for information is relevant within the context of the interested parties that represent the views and opinions of Colchester Borough Council in relation to the licensing of sex establishments under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and in particular to any relevant policy matters.

#### 8. Publicity Considerations

8.1 Not applicable within the subject matter and context of this report which simply gives information to Colchester Borough Council's Licensing Committee and seeks its views concerning the content of the Home Office consultation document 'Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs' and also its opinion on the specific questions that the document poses. It has been submitted to the Licensing Committee for their scrutiny and comment and also to the Environmental & Protective Services Portfolio Holder for information. All other matters in regard to the publicity of this document are for the consideration of the Home Office whose consultation document and exercise this is.

#### 9. Financial Implications

9.1 The response made to this consultation document and the questions on which it seeks comment might impact on the existing lap dancing club operator in the Council's area. The operator is currently licensed in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and under these proposals as set out by the Home Office, would be required to submit a further application under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Prospective operators would be aware of the proposed change to the law to reclassify lap dancing clubs and other similar venues as 'sex encounter venues' before submitting any application to the Council to be granted a sex establishment licence. Notwithstanding, an applicant could appeal the grant of a licence or any conditions attached to it to the Magistrates Court and the costs of any such appeal if it were successful could be awarded against the Council.

#### 10. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications

10.1 Not applicable within the context of this report. All other matters in this regard are for the consideration of the Home Office whose consultation document and consultation exercise this is. Notwithstanding this, a licence is to be regarded as the property of the holder and their right to the use of that property must be balanced against any other public interest.

#### 11. Community Safety Implications

11.1 Not applicable within the context of this report. All other matters in this regard are for the consideration of the Home Office whose consultation document and consultation exercise this is.

#### 12. Health and Safety Implications

12.1 Not applicable within the context of this report. All other matters in this regard are for the consideration of the Home Office whose consultation document and consultation exercise this is.

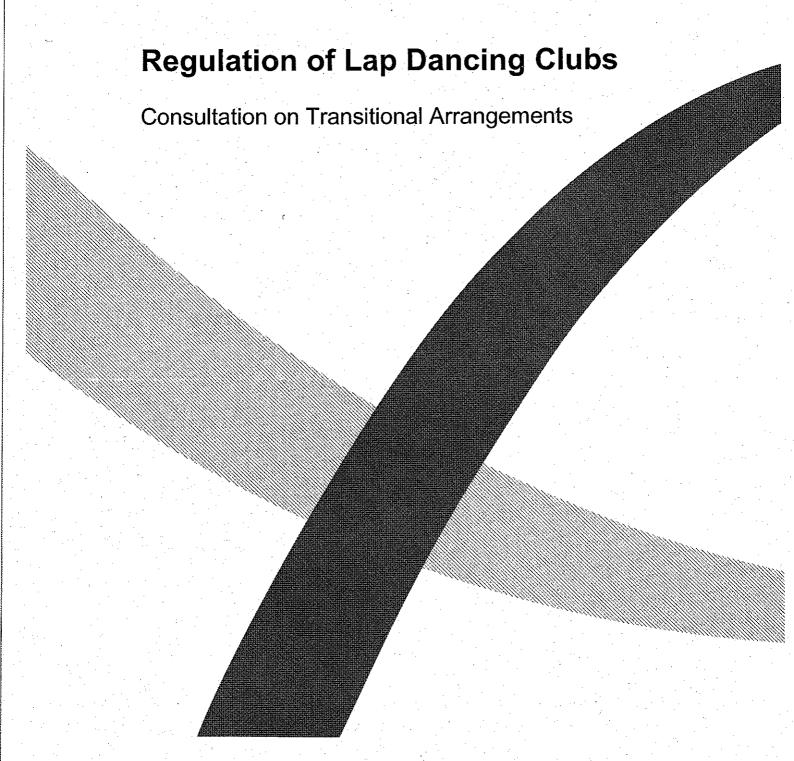
#### 13. Risk Management Implications

13.1 Not applicable within the context of this report. All other matters in this regard are for the consideration of the Home Office whose consultation document and consultation exercise this is.

#### 14. Recommendations

14.1 The Licensing Committee is recommended to consider the draft reply made by the Licensing Manager to the 'Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs, consultation on transitional arrangements document which is attached as appendix 2 of this report and amend or add to his response as it believes it is appropriate to do so and also to authorise the Licensing Manager to return this response to the Home Office by 14 December 2009.





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## **Ministerial Forward**



In September 2008, the previous Home Secretary announced her intention to bring forward important reforms to empower communities in England and Wales by giving them a greater say about the location and number of lap dancing clubs and similar establishments in their local areas.

To achieve this we have introduced measures in the Policing and Crime Bill to allow local authorities to regulate lap dancing clubs as sex establishments under Schedule 3 to

the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

These important reforms will give local authorities the powers they have called for to allow them to respond more effectively to the views of local people, who have become increasingly concerned about the number of lap dancing clubs being established in their communities.

The measures are still being scrutinised by Parliament, but as we prepare for the Bill passing into law, we need to consider what form the transitional arrangements will take to ensure we move smoothly from the current regime to the new one. These arrangements will be important as they will help ensure that local authorities, businesses, and, of course, the communities who will be affected by the new reforms will have time to prepare and adjust. We recognise the impact on business but have always been clear that this needs to be balanced against ensuring local people have sufficient voice in their communities. We hope that the proposals set out in this consultation document strike this balance and will help those that need to take appropriate steps to adapt to the new licensing regime.

This, therefore, is an important consultation. It gives interested parties an opportunity to tell us how they will be affected by our proposals and, if necessary, allow us to take into account their concerns before bringing forward the transitional arrangements in secondary legislation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to give us your views.

**ALAN CAMPBELL** 

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MINISTER FOR CRIME REDUCTION

# Consultation Summary

## Scope of the consultation

Topic of this consultation:	Proposals for transitional arrangements for the provisions in the Policing and Crime Bill relating to the regulation of lap dancing clubs and similar venues.
Scope of this consultation:	This consultation seeks views on proposals relating to transitional arrangements. This is not a consultation on the decision to reclassify lap dancing clubs as sex establishments.
Geographical scope:	England and Wales
Impact assessment (IA):	An updated impact assessment is included with this consultation.

## Basic Information

To:	<ul> <li>Local Authorities</li> </ul>
	Existing operators
·	New operators
	Licensing practitioners
	Local residents
	Campaign Groups
	Local Businesses
	• Police
Duration:	21 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Enquiries	Thomas Cottam
and	4th Floor, Peel Building
Responses	2 Marsham Street
	London
	SW1P 4DF
•	SEVconsultation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
Additional	As this consultation concerns a relatively small number of
ways to	venues and deals with issues that are technical in nature, it
become	will primarily be a written exercise.
involved:	
After the	A summary of responses will be placed on the Home Office
consultation:	website.
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# Background

Getting to this stage:	In Summer 2008 the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) held a consultation with local authorities regarding the regulation of lap dancing clubs. A majority of respondents felt that additional powers specific to lap dancing clubs were necessary.
	As part of the Policing and Crime Bill introduced in Parliament on the 19 December 2008, the Government included provisions to reclassify lap dancing clubs and similar establishment as sex establishments under Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
Previous engagement:	In addition to the DCMS consultation with local authorities, the Home Office sent a letter in September 2008 to selected stakeholders seeking views on the proposal to bring lap dancing clubs under the regulation of the 1982 Act. Over the last year Home Office officials also met with a number of interested groups and presented at events for licensing practitioners.

### Introduction

- This paper sets out the Government's proposals for the implementation of the amendments to Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ('the 1982 Act') made by the Policing and Crime Bill<sup>1</sup>.
- 2. It explains the background to the policy and the proposed transitional arrangements that will be set out in secondary legislation, once the Bill has received Royal Assent.
- 3. The proposals set out in Section Two relate to the implementation of clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill which extends to England and Wales only.
- 4. In summary the Government is proposing that:
  - Any operator new or existing who wishes to provide 'relevant entertainment' at the end of the transitional period will be required to apply for a sex establishment licence in the manner set out in Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act.
  - Existing operators will be allowed to continue to provide 'relevant entertainment' under their existing permission without interruption for the duration of the transitional period or until their application for a sex establishment licence has been determined, whichever is the later.
  - The transitional period will start on the date Schedule 3 to the 1982
     Act comes into force in that area (the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date). It will last for 12 months.
  - For 6 months following the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date, applicants will be able to submit applications all of which will be considered together by the local authority.
  - Applications received after the first 6 months (the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed date) will be considered after applications received before the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed date have been determined
  - Licences granted for sex encounter venues will not take effect until the conclusion of the transitional period (the 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed date)
  - Where a London local authority has previously adopted the sex encounter establishment category introduced by the London Local Authorities (General Powers) Act 1986, this category will be replaced by the new sex encounter venue category upon the adoption of the provisions introduced by the Policing and Crime Bill by the local authority.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/policingandcrime.html

- 5. We welcome your views on all the proposals and are particularly interested to hear your views on the specific questions asked throughout this consultation document. This is not a consultation on the Government's decision to reclassify lap dancing clubs and similar venues as sex establishments.
- 6. Please send your comments to:

Thomas Cottam
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Peel Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

or

### SEVconsultation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

- 7. You should also contact the consultation team should you require a copy of this consultation paper in any other format, e.g. Braille, Large Font, or Audio.
- 8. This document is available on the Home Office website.

## Section One - Background

This section outlines the background to the measures introduced by the Policing and Crime Bill and explains what the policy seeks to achieve.

## **Policy Background**

- 10. The increase in the number of lap dancing clubs in recent years has become an issue of concern for many local communities. Estimates suggest that the number of venues has doubled since 2004 and there are now close to 300 throughout the United Kingdom.<sup>2</sup> Other estimates put the figure closer to 150.<sup>3</sup> Most lap dancing clubs are regulated under the Licensing Act 2003 ('the 2003 Act'), under which they hold a premises licence/club premises certificate to provide 'regulated entertainment'. Under the 2003 Act, the objections of local people and businesses must be based on the four licensing objectives, namely: the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. As a result, licensing authorities cannot consider the objections of local people and businesses that are based on matters outside the scope of these four objectives, such as whether a lap dancing clubs is appropriate given the character of an area.
- 11. In June 2008 Gerry Sutcliffe, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Culture, Media and Sport, wrote to the chief executives of local authorities to clarify how they viewed the powers available to them under the 2003 Act and to seek their views on whether these, and other controls, were sufficient to address the concerns of local people and businesses. The majority of those who responded felt that additional legislation should be introduced to provide controls that are specific to lap dancing clubs and similar premises and suggested that Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act should be used for this purpose<sup>4</sup>. This approach was also supported by a wide range of stakeholders including the Local Government Association, the National Organisation of Residents Associations and the campaign groups Object and the Fawcett Society.
- 12. Alternative approaches that sought to make changes to the 2003 Act and utilise existing planning legislation were proposed by industry representatives who opposed the use of the 1982 Act. However, it was felt that such changes, especially those making use of planning legislation, would be overly complex and would not provide sufficient additional powers called for by many local authorities to regulate lap dancing clubs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A Growing Tide, Object, April 2008:

http://www.object.org.uk/files/A%20Growing%20Tide%20Report%202008.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Figure provided by the Lap Dancing Association

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\_library/foi\_requests/5500.aspx

13. Therefore the Government announced on the 2 December 2008 that they would introduce legislation to reclassify lap dancing clubs and other similar venues as 'sex establishments' under the 1982 Act<sup>5</sup>. These provisions were included in the Policing and Crime Bill, which was introduced in Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

# The Policing and Crime Bill and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

14. Clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill introduces a new category of sex establishment under Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act called a 'sex encounter venue'. This new category covers venues that provide 'relevant entertainment'. Relevant entertainment is defined as any live performance or display of nudity "which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must be reasonably assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (whether by verbal or other means)". Such venues will require a sex establishment licence. However, there is an exemption for premises which provide such entertainment infrequently (see new paragraph 2A(3)(b) to be inserted into Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act) and, even if premises do qualify as a sex encounter venue, the local authority still has the discretion to waive the requirement for a licence.

15. In summary Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act will, in particular:

- allow local people to oppose an application for a sex establishment licence if they have legitimate concerns that a lap dancing club would be inappropriate given the character of an area because for example, if the area was primarily a residential area.
- require licences to be renewed at least yearly, at which point local people will have the opportunity to raise objections with their local authority.
- allow a local authority to reject a licence application if they believe that to grant a licence for a lap dancing club would be inappropriate given the character of a particular area.
- allow a local authority to set a limit on the number of sex encounter venues that they think is appropriate for a particular area.
- allow a local authority to impose a wider range of conditions on the licences of lap dancing clubs than they are currently able to under the 2003 Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Announcement made in *Fair Rules for Strong Communities*, December 2008: http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/fair-rules-for-strong-communities.pdf

## Section Two – Proposals for Regulations

- 16. To implement the measures introduced by Clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill there will need to be a transitional period to allow existing lap dancing clubs and other venues falling within the definition of a sex encounter venue time to comply with the new legislation. The transitional arrangements and the duration of the transitional period will be specified in secondary legislation made by the Secretary of State in England and Welsh Ministers in Wales.
- 17. This section sets out the proposals for these transitional arrangements and forms the main part of this consultation. We would welcome comments on this section and in particular your comments on those areas where specific questions have been raised.

## How will the 1982 Act apply to existing operators?

- 18. Representations have been made to the Government by industry representatives to exclude existing operators, who have explicit permission in their existing licences to provide 'relevant entertainment', from the new regime or at least to give them preferential treatment when their sex establishment licences fall to be determined for the first time. Such provisions, often referred to as 'grandfather rights', were made when the 2003 Act and the Gambling Act 2005 were introduced.
- 19. After careful consideration, it is proposed that similar provisions should not be made for the purposes of the Policing and Crime Bill and that existing lap dancing clubs who wish to continue to provide 'relevant entertainment' should be required to apply for a new sex establishment licence in the manner set out in Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, subject to the transitional arrangements set out below.
- 20. Although the local authority will need to consider any rights an existing licence holder may have under Article 1, Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights when deciding an application, the Government is not proposing to give existing licence holders preferential treatment or indeed, exclude them from the provisions on the face of the Bill.
- 21. It is acknowledged that as a result of this approach, some existing businesses may have to stop providing 'relevant entertainment' or, in a small number of cases, close. While we understand the concerns that have been expressed by the industry, we believe that to automatically grant existing lap dancing clubs a sex establishment licence would be contrary to the intent behind these reforms, which is to give local people greater say over the number and location of lap dancing clubs in their area.

- 22. We are aware that in recent years there have been instances where lap dancing clubs have been granted licences despite significant local opposition. In many of these cases licensing authorities were unable to consider local opposition that fell outside the scope of the four licensing objectives. In some cases, the result has been that lap dancing clubs have opened, and continue to operate, against the wishes of local people. For this reason, the Government believes that local communities should be given the opportunity to have their say over how or whether existing venues operate in the future.
- 23. We are mindful of the UK's obligations under EU law. Paragraphs 28 and 29 to Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act set out the provisions for dealing with existing sex shops and sex cinemas when these provisions were first commenced. Paragraph 29(4) provided that when considering several applications for sex establishment licences, local authorities would have to give preference to existing operators. A similar approach was considered with regards to sex encounter venues. However, it was concluded that such provisions would now be unlikely to survive a legal challenge in respect of Article 43 EC or the Services Directive.
- 24. What are your views on the proposal that the new regime should apply to existing operators and that the transitional provisions should not provide for them to be given preferential treatment when their application for a sex establishment licence comes to be determined?

#### **Transitional Period**

- 25. The transitional period is the time that existing operators will be given to comply with the new legislation.
- 26. The transitional period will commence on the date the provisions in the Policing and Crime Bill come into force in the particular local authority area ('the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date'). The Secretary of State then intends to specify a date 6 months after the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date which will be known as the '2<sup>nd</sup> appointed date'. The Government is proposing that between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed dates applicants, who can be either existing operators or new applicants, will be able to submit applications to be considered by the local authority. At the end of this period, local authorities will consider all applications received during this period and will not grant any application until they have done so.
- 27. This approach would ensure that where local authorities have decided to set a limit on the number of premises that they consider appropriate for a particular locality, all applications submitted during this period will be considered before the local authority decides which applicants should be been granted a licence. Applications received after the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed date will be considered individually by local authorities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A Growing Tide, Object, December 2008: http://www.object.org.uk/files/A%20Growing%20Tide%20Update%20Dec%202008.pdf

- 28. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed date, which it is proposed will be 6 months after the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed date all venues in that local authority area, unless awaiting the determination of an outstanding application, will have to be compliant with the new legislation.
- 29. The transitional period is the period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed dates and is therefore currently intended to last for 12 months.
- 30. Under these proposals existing venues would be able to continue to provide 'relevant entertainment' under their existing premises licence or club certificate until the end of the transitional period, or until any application for a sex establishment licence submitted during the transitional period has been determined, whichever is the later. This will apply to all existing operators, irrespective of whether or not an application for sex establishment licence is submitted or whether or not such an application, if submitted, is granted.
- 31. What are your views on the proposed time periods between the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed dates and do you believe that a transitional period of 12 months in total is appropriate?
- 32. For the purposes of these transitional arrangements, it is proposed that an 'existing operator' is defined as a person operating any premises that on the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed day is authorised under an existing premises licence or club premises certificate, either explicitly or implicitly to provide entertainment that would be defined as 'relevant entertainment' under Clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill. Where licence holders are uncertain as to whether or not they are able to provide 'relevant entertainment' under their existing premises licence or club certificate they should contact the relevant local authority for guidance.
- 33. Do you agree with the proposed approach for identifying existing operators?
- 34. Annex 1 shows how the transitional arrangements for existing operators would work under these proposals.

#### **New Operators**

35. Where a premises without authorisation under an existing premises licence or club premises certificate, wishes to provide 'relevant entertainment' after the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date, it is proposed that they will be required to apply for a sex establishment licence following the process set out in Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, as amended by the Policing and Crime Bill. Under these proposals new operators will not be able to provide 'relevant entertainment' unless and until a sex establishment licence has been granted. Under these proposals new applications received before the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed day would be considered at the same time as those applications from existing operators that are received by this date.

## **Outstanding Applications**

36. It is proposed that premises which have made an application before the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date under the 2003 Act for a premises licence or club premises certificate authorising the provision of relevant entertainment is treated as a new operator for the purpose of these arrangements where the application remains outstanding after the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed date. They will therefore have to submit an application for a sex establishment licence under Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act.

## **Existing Conditions**

- 37. Where existing operators have sought explicit permission, when applying for a premises licence or club premises certificate under the 2003 Act to provide 'relevant entertainment' as defined in clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill, it is likely that they will be subject to licence conditions that apply directly to the provision of that entertainment. For example, where a lap dancing club has explicit permission to provide nude entertainment, they may have licence conditions that prohibit physical contact between performers and customers.
- 38. It is proposed that where such licence conditions are present on either an existing premises licence or clubs premises certificate, these conditions will be read as though they have been deleted from the premises licence or club premises certificate from the 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed day onwards. Where existing lap dancing clubs and similar venues are granted sex establishment licences for the provision of relevant entertainment, any conditions relating to the provision of that entertainment will be regulated by that licence alone.
- 39. What are your views on the proposal for dealing with conditions on existing premises licences/clubs premises certificates that relate specifically to the provision 'relevant entertainment'?

## What does this mean for local people?

40. When an application is made to the local authority for a sex establishment licence, whether during the transitional period or after it, local people will have the opportunity to make representations to the local authority. It is important to note that these representations will be expected to address the provision of relevant entertainment and not activities that will continue to be authorised under the 2003 Act, such as the provision of alcohol and other forms of regulated entertainment.

#### Sex Encounter Establishments

- 41. The 1982 Act contains a category of sex establishment called a 'sex encounter establishment', which was introduced by the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1986. This category only applies in London where the relevant local authority has adopted the provisions. It only covers those venues that offer sexually explicit entertainment (such as peep shows) but are not licensed under the 2003 Act.
- 42. The Government is proposing that the new category of sex encounter venue will replace the existing sex encounter establishment category upon a London Borough's adoption of the new provisions. If a London Borough, that has previously adopted Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act as amended by the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1986, decides not to adopt Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act as amended by the Policing and Crime Bill, the existing sex encounter establishment regime will remain in force.
- 43 Where a London Borough decides to adopt Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act as amended by the Policing and Crime Bill, secondary legislation will set out that where a sex encounter establishment licence has been previously granted it will be treated as though it were granted under the new sex encounter venue regime, retaining any conditions previously granted.
- 44. What are your views on the proposals relating to the existing sex encounter establishment category? Also are you aware of any type of venue that currently requires a licence for a sex encounter establishment that would not require a licence for a sex encounter venue as defined in Clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill?

#### **Hostess Bars**

45. Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act also includes a category of sex establishment called 'hostess bar', which was introduced by the London Local Authorities Act 2007 and therefore does not apply outside of London. We do not intend to make any changes to the hostess bar provisions.

#### Section 2 of the London Local Authorities Act 2004

46. Section 22 of the London Local Authorities Act 2004 (as amended by section 72 of the London Local Authorities Act 2007), applies only in London and appears to be of uncertain extent. On one interpretation it could be seen as prohibiting anyone from soliciting people to attend a sex establishment if the impression is given that the activities are, in fact, licensed under the 2003 Act. Another interpretation is that it creates that offence and an offence of soliciting people to attend a sex establishment.

47. Do you believe that section 22 of the London Local Authorities Act 2004 should be amended in light of the amendments being made in the Policing and Crime Bill?

## **Timescales - Next Steps**

- 48 The consultation closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Once responses have been reviewed a summary of the responses will be placed on the Home Office website. Subject to the Policing and Crime Bill receiving Royal Assent, the provisions on lap dancing are expected to be commenced in April 2010. However, the provisions will only take effect in any given area once the relevant local authority has passed a resolution to adopt them and appoints a day for the provisions to come in force in that area.
- 49 Prior to the commencement of the provisions, the Home Office will write to every local authority in England and Wales to ensure that they are aware of when the provisions come into force and what it will mean for them. The Home Office will also issue a press release and information will be made available in advance on the Home Office website (www.homeoffice.gov.uk) about the commencement date.
- 50. What are your views on the proposal to commence these provisions in April 2010?

## **Impact Assessment**

- 51. As part of this consultation we have revised the Impact Assessment (IA) that was published when the Policing and Crime Bill was introduced in Parliament on the 18 December 2008.
- 52. The revised IA attempts to estimate the potential cost to industry of these proposals. Due to the lack of information relating specifically to the sector this legislation will impact upon, the estimates in the IA should only be seen as indicative.
- 53. Do you agree that the suggested costs and benefits set out in the Impact Assessment are a reasonable estimate of the potential costs and benefits? If not, can you provide evidence of what any likely costs and benefits should be?

#### Consultation

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- 54. The information you send us may be passed to colleagues within the Home Office, the Government or related agencies.
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- 59. If you have a complaint or comment about the Home Office's approach to consultation, you should contact the Home Office Consultation Coordinator, Nigel Lawrence. Please DO NOT send your response to this consultation to Nigel Lawrence. The Co-ordinator works to promote best practice standards set by the Government's Code of Practice, advises policy teams on how to conduct consultations and investigates complaints made against the Home Office. He does not process your response to this consultation.
- 60. The Co-ordinator can be emailed at:

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#### Government's Code of Practice on Consultation

The Consultation follows the Government's Code of Practice on Consultation – the criteria for which are set out below:

Criterion 1 – When to consult – Formal consultation should take place at a stage when there is scope to influence the policy outcome.

Criterion 2 – Duration of consultation exercises – Consultations should normally last for at least 12 weeks with consideration given to longer timescales where feasible and sensible.

Criterion 3 – Clarity of scope and impact – Consultation documents should be clear about the consultation process, what is being proposed, the scope to influence and the expected costs and benefits of the proposals.

Criterion 4 – Accessibility of consultation exercises – Consultation exercises should be designed to be accessible to, and clearly targeted at, those people the exercise is intended to reach.

Criterion 5 – The burden of consultation – Keeping the burden of consultation to a minimum is essential if consultations are to be effective and if consultees' buy-in to the process is to be obtained.

Criterion 6 – Responsiveness of consultation exercises – Consultation responses should be analysed carefully and clear feedback should be provided to participants following the consultation.

Criterion 7 – Capacity to consult – Officials running consultations should seek guidance in how to run an effective consultation exercise and share what they have learned from the experience.

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### Response to Home Office Consultation 21 September 2009

## **Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs**

i. What are your views on the proposal that the new regime should apply to existing operators and that the transitional provisions should not provide for them to be given preferential treatment when their application for a sex establishment licence comes to be determined?

This proposal seems to be inherently unfair to those operators that are currently and legitimately licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 and whose application to provide regulated entertainment in the form of lap, pole or table dancing has undergone the scrutiny of the responsible authorities and interested parties in this regard and has been determined to have met and promoted the four licensing objectives that accompany the Act.

In many instances conditions which reasonably and proportionately promote the four licensing objectives will also have been attached to the grant of premises licence or club premises certificate.

To deny these operators the opportunity to benefit from 'grandfather rights' in relation to their current premises licence or club premises certificate could be seen as infringement of their human rights and it is a well established principle that this Council respects that a licence is to be regarded as the property of the licence holder in accordance with the provisions of the Human Rights Act.

It would also appear to be anomalous to have allowed the provision of 'grandfather rights' in relation to both the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005 but not in relation to these proposals.

ii. What are your views on the proposed time periods between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd appointed dates and do you believe that a transitional period of 12 months in total is appropriate?

For Councils such as our own that only has one licensed lap dancing club in its area, the time periods between the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed dates would be reasonable, as is the proposal that the transitional period will be 12 months in total. This will allow the Council adequate time to publicise these changes to the existing operator and also identify and make contact with any potential operators who may not currently be offering this type of adult entertainment, but potentially have the ability to do so because of the premises licence or club certificate that they have been granted. It will also give the Council a reasonable time period to consider whether or not it wishes to adopt a policy of setting a limit on the number of 'sex encounter venues' it will grant licences to in its area or in a particular locality of its area.

For example there may be licence holders who have indicated in their application forms and operating schedules that they may wish to offer 'adult' entertainment, but only do so sporadically or have not done so to date. The Licensing Authority may not necessarily be aware that these premises are offering such entertainment on an occasional basis however.

There will also possibly be licence holders who have offered such entertainment by way of a Temporary Event Notice and while they may currently fall outside the proposed change to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 because of the infrequency of the entertainment offered, never the less they will need to be aware of these changes just in case they wish to offer this type of 'relevant entertainment' on a more frequent basis and therefore may unwittingly find themselves subject to the new licensing regime as a result.

This Council believes however that the proposed time periods between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> appointed days and also the 12 month transitional period in total could be far more problematical and extremely difficult targets to comply with for those Councils that have a high number of both licensed and non licensed lap dancing type venues in their areas.

# iii. Do you agree with the proposed approach for identifying existing operators?

This Council is broadly in agreement with this approach, but never the less feels that every effort should be made to contact any other persons or premises that might become subject to this change in legislation where it is possible and practical to do so. Identifying these persons or premises could be done via the information given in applications or operating schedules submitted for premises licences or club premises certificates which indicated that 'adult' entertainment may be offered as regulated entertainment, or where Temporary Event Notices have been submitted to the Licensing Authority which detail that 'adult' entertainment will take place.

iv. What are your views on the proposal for dealing with conditions on existing premises licences/clubs premises certificates that relate specifically to the provision 'relevant entertainment'?

This Council believes that it would be a mistake to simply remove all of the conditions that are present on the licences granted to existing premises under the Licensing Act 2003.

The majority of these conditions will have been asked for by responsible authorities such as the Police, Council Environmental Health departments or Child Protection Units and will have been attached to the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate to actively promote the four licensing objectives. In particular, Council Environmental Health departments may find

it difficult to reproduce conditions under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 which relate to the amelioration of noise escape from the premises, such as noise from loud music or the entry and exit of customers in a residential area.

This Council would therefore prefer to see all current conditions remaining on the licences of existing premises and be able to augment these conditions where it is reasonable, proportionate and necessary to do under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

Otherwise in many instances it could simply lead to a duplication of work, negotiations and effort for both the responsible authorities and the licence holder, particularly where the Police, Environmental Health department and Child Protection Unit is concerned.

v. What are your views on the proposals relating to the existing sex encounter establishment category? Also are you aware of any type of venue that currently requires a licence for a sex encounter establishment that would not require a licence for a sex encounter venue as defined in Clause 26 of the Policing and Crime Bill?

These proposals while sensible in appearance would also appear to be at odds however with the question posed in question iv above. It seems totally contradictory to allow for the retention of licence conditions in London Boroughs that have adopted the provisions of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1986 in relation to a 'sex encounter establishment', but then not allow for the retention of licence conditions for premises and club premises certificates granted under the Licensing Act 2003 that have been attached to the grant of a licence in order to promote the four licensing objectives.

This Council believes this proposal to be contradictory and anomalous as currently defined in the consultation document and if implemented, we would also wish to see the same principle applied to the retention of licence conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates granted under the Licensing Act 2003.

vi. Do you believe that section 22 of the London Local Authorities Act 2004 should be amended in light of the amendments being made in the Policing and Crime Bill?

If there is uncertainty for both the public and also venues themselves in the interpretation of this particular section as the consultation document appears to suggest, then it would be preferable to end that uncertainty by amending it to the requirements that are being laid down in the Policing and Crime Bill.

vii. What are your views on the proposal to commence these provisions in April 2010?

This Council believes that a commencement date of April 2010 is to soon given the fact that this consultation does not end until the 14 of December and needs to be properly evaluated. Particularly as these proposals have yet to be given Royal Assent through the Policing and Crime Bill and which may be subject to delay given the fact that there will be a break in legislative working over the Christmas period.

Therefore this Council would prefer to see a more realistic timescale of a commencement date in July or August of 2010 to give Councils a reasonable period of notice and time to implement these new arrangements.

viii. Do you agree that the suggested costs and benefits set out in the Impact Assessment are a reasonable estimate of the potential costs and benefits? If not, can you provide evidence of what any likely costs and benefits should be?

This Council has no statistics or evidence of its own available to either agree or disagree with the suggested costs and benefits that are laid out in the Impact Assessment which accompanied this consultation document.

Department /Agency: Home Office	Title: Impact Assessment dancing clubs	of new measures to regulate lap-
Stage: Final	Version: 2.0	Date: 7 September 2009

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What is the problem under consideration? Why is government intervention necessary?

Lap dancing premises are currently regulated under the Licensing Act 2003. However, under this legislation the powers available to local authorities to control the establishment of lap-dancing premises or impose condition on their licences are limited. Following a Department for Culture, Media and Sports consultation with local authorities a majority of those that responded felt that their current powers to regulate lap-dancing clubs were insufficient to address the concerns of local people and wanted Government to intervene. On 21 September 2008 the Home Secretary announced the Government's intention to address this issue.

What are the policy objectives and the intended effects?

To give local communities a stronger say over the establishment and location of lap-dancing clubs in their area and local authorities more power to reject applications for lap-dancing clubs or impose conditions on licences. To bring the licensing of lap-dancing clubs in line with other sex establishments such as sex shops and sex cinemas. To recognise that local people have legitimate concerns about where lap-dancing clubs are located.

What policy options have been considered? Please justify any preferred option.

Option 1 - Do Nothing, maintain the status quo

Option 2 - Reclassify lap-dancing clubs as 'Sex Establishments' under the 1982 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

Option 2 is the preferred option as the existing 'Sex Establishment' legislation adequately covers lapdancing and similar activities and the provision within the 1982 Act gives a stronger say to local communities and more powers to local authorities.

When will the policy be reviewed to establish the actual costs and benefits and the achievement of the desired effects? We will review the implementation of this policy and its impact on local authorities and industry on an ongoing basis.

Ministerial Sign-off For	final pro	posal/imp	lementation	stage Im	pact Asse	ssments:

I have read the Impact Assessment and I am satisfied that (a) it represents a fair and reasonable view of the expected costs, benefits and impact of the policy, and (b) the benefits justify the costs.

Signed by the resp	oonsible Min	ister:			•
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## Summary: Analysis & Evidence

Policy Option: 2

Description: Reclassify lap-dancing clubs as 'Sex Establishments' under the 1982 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

#### ANNUAL COSTS Description and scale of key monetised costs by 'main affected groups' 10 year costs, 300 premises, low - high closure One-off (Transition) Yrs Private sector admin burden: £6m - £5.1m £ 0 - 4.3million 1 Private sector licensing fee: £16.4 - £14.2m Private sector closure/loss of 'relevant entertainment': £0-£4.3m **Average Annual Cost** (excluding one-off) Public Sector Licensing Regime: £16.4 - £14.2m £ 3.3million Total Cost (PV) £ 33.5m - 33.2m

Other key non-monetised costs by 'main affected groups' Cost to local authority of implementiong the new measures.

## **ANNUAL BENEFITS** One-off Yrs £Ο **Average Annual Benefit**

Description and scale of key monetised benefits by 'main affected groups' Transfer to Local Authorities from Licence Fee applications: £16.4 - £14.2million

(excluding one-off) £ 1.6 - 1.4million Total Benefit (PV)

£ 14.1m - 12.3m

Other key non-monetised benefits by 'main affected groups' Gives local communities more power to control the number and location of lap dancing clubs in their area.

Key Assumptions/Sensitivities/Risks: Costs assume that all local authorities who have lap dancing clubs in their area will adopt the new measures and all existing premises apply for sex establishment licences.

Price Base Year 2009	Time Period Years 10	Net Benefit Rang £ -19.4m to -20.9	ENEFIT (NPV B	lest estimate)				
What is the geographic coverage of the policy/option?					England 8	England & Wales		
On what date will the policy be implemented?					TBC	TBC		
Which organisation(s) will enforce the policy?					Local Authorities			
What is the total annual cost of enforcement for these organisations?								
Does enforcement comply with Hampton principles?					Yes			
Will implementation go beyond minimum EU requirements?					No			
What is the value of the proposed offsetting measure per year?					£ N/A			
What is the value of changes in greenhouse gas emissions?					£ N/A			
Will the proposal have a significant impact on competition?					Yes/No			
Annual cost (£ (excluding one-off)	E-£) per organisa	tion	Micro	Small	Medium	Large		
Are any of the	se organisations	exempt?	No	No	N/A	N/A		

Impact on Admin Burdens Baseline (2005 Prices	i)	(Increase - Decrease)
Increase of £ 0.5 -0.43m Decrease of £	Om Net Impa	ct £ 0.5 - 0.43m

Annual costs and benefits: Constant Prices (Net) Present Value

## Evidence Base (for summary sheets)

## **Background**

#### What is meant by Lap Dancing Club?

For the purpose of these measures the term 'lap dancing club' is a broad term encompassing certain venues that provide entertainment with a sexual content. In addition to lap dancing, this may also include, but is not limited to, stripping, table dancing and pole dancing. The Policing and Crime Bill will classify such premises as sex encounter venues, which is defined as premises where "relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer". For the purpose of the legislation "relevant entertainment" is defined as any live performance or display of nudity, "which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must be reasonably assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purposes of sexually stimulating any member of an audience (whether by verbal of other means". The Bill contains an exemption for premises where "relevant entertainment" is provided on an infrequent basis, defined as no more than 11 occasions in a 12 month period with a period of more than one month between each occasion.

### Number of establishments affected

Currently, existing lap-dancing clubs will most likely be regulated under the Licensing Act 2003 and are therefore difficult to differentiate from other licensed premises and clubs. For this reason, the availability of accurate data on the number of premises that will be affected by this legislation is limited. Some estimates state that there are roughly 300 existing lap-dancing clubs. The Lap Dancing Association put the figure closer to 150.

How many of these clubs are actually affected will not be known until the licensing regime begins operating. There is the potential for an impact on lap dancing clubs in localities where local authorities choose to adopt the power and where communities choose to oppose license applications and renewals. However, while the impact may directly affect a large proportion of lap dancing clubs, owing to the relatively small size of this part of the sector the overall impact on the entertainment/leisure and the economy as a whole is likely to be small.

#### **Location of Lap Dancing Clubs**

For the reasons explained above, it is difficult to be precise about the distribution of lap dancing clubs in England and Wales. However, research provided by the campaign group Object suggests that while there are concentrations of venues in large metropolitan areas, such as London, Birmingham and Leeds, as might be expected, there are also multiple venues located in smaller cities and an increasing trend towards venues opening in towns and suburban areas. This research identifies close to 300 "lap dancing establishments", which are located in roughly one third of all local authorities.

#### Rationale

Lap dancing premises currently require a premises licence under section 1 of the 2003 Licensing Act. No special provisions are made in the 2003 Act for lap-dancing clubs. If an application is submitted to the licensing authority for a premises licence the authority must grant the licence subject to certain mandatory conditions, the only relevant ones for lap dancing clubs being those related to how and when alcohol is supplied.

It is only if relevant representations are made by an interested party (e.g. residents or local businesses) or a responsible authority (e.g. the police or fire services in the area) that the authority can, following a hearing, impose other conditions or reject the application. Even then, it will only be able to do so where such a step is necessary to promote one of the four licensing

objectives set out in the Act – preventing crime and disorder; public safety; prevention of public nuisance; the protection of children from harm.

Premises licences are not subject to renewal and last until they are revoked, suspended, surrendered or the holder becomes mentally unstable, insolvent or dies (sections 26 to 28). They can be reviewed following representations by an interested party or a responsible authority but the authority will only consider representations relating to one or more of the four licensing objectives.

As licensing authorities are unable to consider any objections on matters outside the scope of the four licensing objectives, the Government is aware that increasingly lap dancing club have been allowed to open despite widespread local opposition.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, following consultation with local authorities, the Government decided that local communities should be given more powers to control the number and location of lap dancing clubs in their area.

## **Objectives**

To give local communities a stronger say over the establishment and location of lap-dancing clubs in their area and local authorities more power to reject applications for lap-dancing clubs or impose conditions on licences. To bring the licensing of lap-dancing clubs in line with other sex establishments such as sex shops and sex cinemas. To recognise that local people have legitimate concerns about where lap-dancing clubs are located. Under these provisions, local people will be able to object to an application for a lap-dancing club on the grounds that such an establishment would be inappropriate given the character of the area or, for instance, if located in a area that is primarily residential.

## **Options**

Option 1 - Do Nothing, maintain the status quo.

Option 2 - Reclassify lap-dancing clubs as 'Sex Establishments' under the 1982 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

Option 2 is the preferred option - Placing lap-dancing clubs under the category of 'Sex Establishments' as defined by the 1982 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act Those local authorities who resolve to adopt Schedule 3, as amended, will be able to impose a wider variety conditions on lap dancing clubs e.g. relating to opening hours, adverts, visibility of the interior to passers by. Local authorities will also be able to refuse to grant or renew a licence on the grounds that such a club would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the area or the total number of similar premises in the locality.

Similarly, local people will be able to make written representations to the local authorities on these grounds, rather than being limited to making representations based on the four licensing objectives found in the 2003 Act. Licenses would only last a maximum of one year before requiring renewal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A Growing Tide, Object, December 2008: http://www.object.org.uk/files/A%20Growing%20Tide%20Update%20Dec%202008.pdf

The Lap Dancing Association proposed an alternative approach that included using planning legislation to control the establishment of lap dancing clubs. This approach was considered but was opposed by the Local Government Association and some industry representatives<sup>2</sup> who argued that it would be overly complicated and beaureucratic. It was also felt that this approach would not adequately address the issue of giving communities a stronger say.

## **Appraisal**

# Option 2 - Reclassify lap-dancing clubs as 'Sex Establishments' under the 1982 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

#### Costs

#### Costs to Local Authorities

The level of take-up by local authorities is difficult to predict as it will depend greatly on local circumstances and where lap dancing clubs are located. Responses to the Department for Culture, Media and Sports (DCMS) consultation suggest that these measures are well supported by local authorities and therefore we anticipate a relatively high take-up, especially in those areas where lap dancing clubs are located or where specific issues relating to applications for lap dancing clubs have arisen in the past.

Those local authorities that resolve to adopt the provisions will face costs of processing applications and monitoring premises to ensure compliance. There may also be costs associated with enforcement action that is required where premises breach their licence conditions or operate without a licence. Under the new provisions, local authorities are able to recover costs by setting a 'reasonable fee' for licence applications. This is accounted for in the summary table.

#### Costs to Business – Based on 300 establishments

Costs to local authorities will be recovered from new applicants and existing club operators when licenses are renewed. In addition all clubs will be faced with the additional administration and legal costs of applying for a new sex establishment licence and the subsequent annual renewals and some may choose to offer alternative entertainment in order not to face more regular licensing.

Additional costs to the sector arise where applications are rejected under the new act where they would previously have been approved or where an application for renewal was not previously required. In some cases the club will be licensed to continue trading in the same way but in others the license may be revoked or refused, necessitating either a change in the type of entertainment offered or closure of the club. For applications for new clubs it may restrict the potential areas or locations within an area where the club can operate and impact on revenue where the location is less favourable for the business. In some cases this may deter investment altogether. Where renewals are rejected there will be some loss of revenue if the club has to revert to an alternative role under the 2003 Licensing Act or sunk costs where the club chooses to close.

Legislation will be clearly directed at regulating sex establishments and not any premises that might occasionally feature performances, exhibitions or entertainment that involves nudity or sexual stimulation, such as theatrical performances/art or a one-off or infrequent performances of 'relevant entertainment' in a pub or nightclub.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Peter Stringfellow's evidence to Department of Culture Media & Sport Select Committee hearing – 25 November 2008

It is possible that this legislation may capture some premises, such as 'peep shows' that operate outside London and are not currently licenced under the Licensing Act 2003, but do provide services or performances that are for the purpose of sexual stimulation. The number of such premises is not known but is believed to be very low.

The Government is proposing a transitional period of one year for business to comply with the new regime. This will delay the full impact on business, especially the cost associated with closures or venues being forced to operate without 'relevant entertainment', for this period.

#### The Cost of a Sex Establishment Licence

Information provided by the Lap Dancing Association based on the current cost of sex establishment licences in local authorities across UK puts the average fee for a new licence at £5447 and £4981 for a renewal.

Therefore the total cost of applying for a licence in year 1 would be around £1.6m for 300 premises.

After year 1 the cost burden as a result of renewing sex establishment on licenses on a yearly basis would be around £1.5m. However, this figure may be lower after year 1 if there are closures or premises continue to operate without 'relevant entertainment'.

#### **Administrative Costs**

The average administrative cost of applying for a new licence is estimated to be around £2,000 per application resulting in a total cost to industry of approximately £600,000 per year.<sup>3</sup> However, as with the application fee, this figure may be lower after year 1 if there are closures or premises continue to operate without 'relevant entertainment'.

#### Cost of Operating Without 'Relevant Entertainment'

Where existing venues are refused a sex establishment licence or decide that applying for a licence would be too costly, they may decide to continue to operate without 'relevant entertainment', for example as a nightclub, bar or pub. This may incur a loss of revenue. We have estimated that this lost revenue would represent 20% of a premises' annual turnover. We have also estimated that this could apply to up to 10% of all existing lap dancing venues. These figures should only be seen as indicative and do not necessarily represent a likely outcome.

Assuming that existing lap dancing clubs consist of Micro (1-9 employees) and Small (9 – 50 employees) businesses at a ratio of 50/50, we have estimated that the cost to industry would be up to around £1,225.  $^4$ 

#### Cost of Business Closures

Where existing venues are refused a sex establishment licence or decide that applying for a licence would be too costly, they maybe forced to close. We have estimated that this could apply to up to 5% of all existing lap dancing clubs.

Assuming that existing lap dancing clubs consist of Micro (1-9 employees) and Small (9 – 50 employees) businesses at a ratio of 50/50, we have estimated that the cost to industry would be up to around £3,060.  $^5$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Figure provided by the Lap Dancing Association

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Figures based on Department for Business, Innovation and Skills SME statistics.

Figures based on Department for Business, Innovation and Skills SME statistics.

#### **Benefits**

- These new powers will allow local communities to have a greater say over the
  establishment and location and of lap-dancing clubs in their area and will bring the
  licensing of lap-dancing clubs in line with the licensing of other sex establishments such as
  sex shops and sex cinemas, which are currently licensed under the 1982 Act.
- Where the provision adopted local people will be able to object to lap-dancing clubs if they
  felt that it would adversely impact the character of a particular area or, for example, that its
  proximity to a school or place of worship was inappropriate.
- Gives local authorities more scope to reject applications for lap-dancing clubs or impose conditions on their licences if they deem that such measures are necessary to address the concerns of local people.

#### Assessment of the costs and benefits

The purpose of this policy is to empower local communities and give them more say over the make-up and character of their local area. Where they have reasonable and legitimate concerns about the location or establishment of lap-dancing clubs, local authorities will have more powers to consider these concerns when reviewing a licence application.

The Government acknowledges that costs will fall to industry as a result of this legislation, and some lap-dancing clubs may close or be restricted from operated from certain locations. However, we believe that the cost to industry is outweighed by the wider objective of giving power to local communities to control the establishment and location of lap dancing clubs.

#### Risks

# Option 2 - Reclassify lap-dancing clubs as 'Sex Establishments' under the 1982 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

There is a risk that some local authorities may decide not to adopt the new legislation. However, we believe this is a small risk as a significant number of local authorities have indicated their support for this legislation, as it will allow them to regulation lap dancing clubs and similar establishment more effectively.

#### **Enforcement**

As existing lap-dancing clubs are already licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 there will be no additional licensed premises as a result of this policy. Therefore, we do not anticipate that these proposals will result in significant increased enforcement costs for the police or local authorities or subsequent prosecution costs for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

In addition, experience of the Licensing Act 2003 suggests that very few licence breaches result in prosecutions as local authorities have the power to deal with such offences by other means. In order to minimise transition costs and reduce the potential for licensees inadvertently failing to comply with the new legislation (with the resultant costs for the police or local authorities, CPS and Her Majesty's Court Service) local authorities will be encouraged to work closely with industry and promote any legislative changes prior to adopting the provisions in their area.

## Implementation

The Government is proposing to commence these provisions in April 2010. However, they will only come into force in individual local authority areas when the relevant local authority resolves to adopt them. Once a local authority has passed a resolution to adopt the provisions the Government is proposing that there will be a transitional period that lasts for 12 months.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The effectiveness of the new regime and the impact on industry and local authorities will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

## **Specific Impact Tests: Checklist**

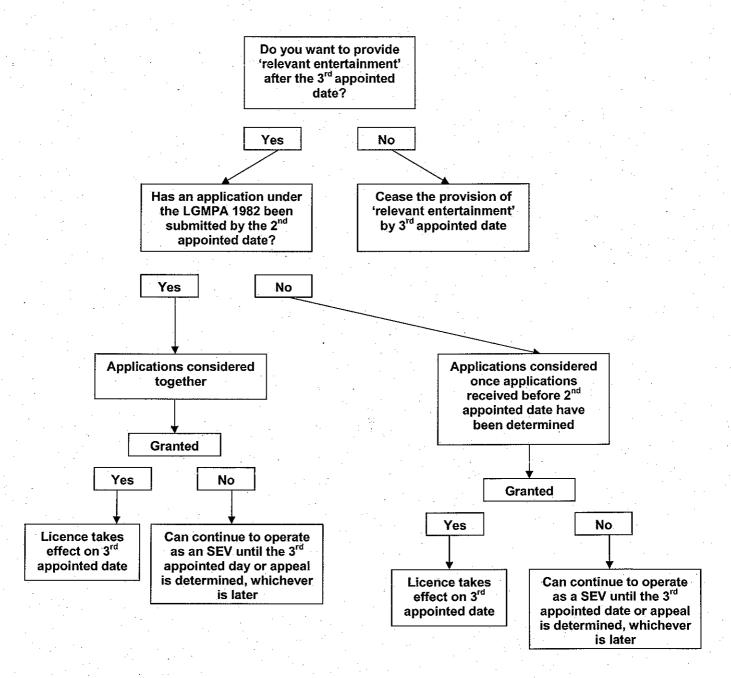
Use the table below to demonstrate how broadly you have considered the potential impacts of your policy options.

Ensure that the results of any tests that impact on the cost-benefit analysis are contained within the main evidence base; other results may be annexed.

Type of testing undertaken	Results in Evidence Base?	Results annexed?
Competition Assessment	Yes/No	Yes/No
Small Firms Impact Test	Yes/No	Yes/No
Legal Aid	Yes/No	Yes/No
Sustainable Development	Yes/No	Yes/No
Carbon Assessment	Yes/No	Yes/No
Other Environment	Yes/No	Yes/No
Health Impact Assessment	Yes/No	Yes/No
Race Equality	Yes/No	Yes/No
Disability Equality	Yes/No	Yes/No
Gender Equality	Yes/No	Yes/No
Human Rights	Yes/No	Yes/No
Rural Proofing	Yes/No	Yes/No

Annex 1

Proposed Transitional Arrangements for Existing Operators



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