

### Legislation and Policy Considerations

1. The following provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) apply to this application:
  - Paragraph 10 (Variation of licences)
2. The following provisions of the Home Office Guidance apply to this application:
  - Paragraphs 3.25 – 3.26 (Hearings) explain that the applicant must be given the opportunity to appear and be heard in front of the sub-committee considering the application. Schedule 3 does not make any explicit provision for objectors to be heard, this is left to the discretion of the appropriate authority.
  - Paragraphs 3.39 – 3.42 (Licence conditions) explain that once the decision is made to grant, the appropriate authority can attach conditions specific to the individual premises and/or standard conditions for the particular type of establishment. These conditions should not duplicate conditions placed on a premises licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003 and should be appropriate to the activities authorised by the licence.
4. City of York Council's Policy for the Determination of Applications for Sexual Entertainment Venues and the Standard Conditions Applicable to Licences issued to Sex Establishments applies to this application.
5. The Committee is reminded of their duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the crime and disorder implications of their decisions and the authority's responsibility to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder in the city.
6. The Committee is reminded that the Human Rights Act 1998 guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights. The Act also provides for the protection of property, which may include licences in existence, and the protection of private and family life.

## **NOTE FOR MEMBERS**

Extracts from Home Office Guidance for England and Wales relating to Sexual Entertainment Venues.

### **Licence Conditions**

3.39 Once the appropriate authority has decided to grant a licence they are able to impose terms, conditions and restrictions on that licence, either in the form of conditions specific to the individual licence under paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 or standard conditions applicable to all sex establishments, or particular types of sex establishments, prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate authority under paragraph 13 of Schedule 3.

3.40 Paragraph 13 provides examples of the matters that standard conditions may address which include but are not restricted to:

- The hours of opening and closing
- Displays and advertisements on or in sex establishments
- The visibility of the interior of a sex establishment to passers-by
- Any change of use from one kind of sex establishment to another

3.41 Where the appropriate authority decides to produce standard conditions under paragraph 13 they will apply to every licence granted, renewed or transferred by the authority unless they have been expressly excluded or varied.

3.42 Most sexual entertainment venues will require a 2003 Act licence as well as a sex establishment licence. Where this is the case, local authorities should avoid duplicating licence conditions and should ensure that conditions imposed on each licence are relevant to the activities authorised by that licence. For example, conditions relating to the sale of alcohol should only appear on a premises licence or clubs premises certificates and should not be imposed on sexual entertainment venue licence. Likewise, conditions relating the provisions of relevant entertainment should appear on the sexual entertainment venue licence and not a premises licence or club premises certificate. Local authorities should also avoid imposing conditions on either licence that are contradictory.