

Responses to Home Office Consultation.
Transitional Arrangements for Regulation of Lap Dancing Clubs

<p>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?</p>	<p>This authority agrees with the proposals that all operators be treated equally. To create a two tier arrangement would be und fair on business, unclear to the public and operationally burdensome for regulators.</p>
<p>31. 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?</p>	<p>This authority agrees that the proposed timescale is reasonable for all parties.</p>
<p>33. Do you agree with the proposed approach for identifying existing operators?</p>	<p>This would be a practical approach in this Authority.</p>
<p>39. What are your views on the proposal for dealing with conditions on existing premise licences/clubs premise certificates that relate specifically to the provisions ‘relevant entertainment’?</p>	<p>Duplicating conditions under two Licensing regimes would be unsatisfactory. Attaching conditions to the primary legislation regulating this form of entertainment would be most appropriate</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>There are no such premises within the City of York.</p>
<p>50. What are your views on the proposal to commence these provisions in April 2010?</p>	<p>There is no obvious reason why these proposals should not commence in April 2010 as local authorities may determine the start date in their areas through the adoption of Schedule 3 of the Act.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>We have no evidence to suggest otherwise.</p>