

SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE AND SEX ESTABLISHMENT POLICY

<u>Report of the:</u>	Head of Housing & Community
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<u>Annexes/Appendices</u> (attached):	Annexe 1: Draft Revised Sexual Entertainment Venue and Sex Establishment Policy
<u>Other available papers</u> (not attached):	Code of Conduct and Practice in Licensing Hearings for Sexual Entertainment Venue and Sex Establishment Premises Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

REPORT SUMMARY

The Council has adopted provisions that allow local authorities to regulate venues that offer sexual entertainment facilities. The Licensing and Planning Policy Committee has recommended that Council adopt a revised Sexual Entertainment Venue and Sex Establishment Policy.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

That Council adopt the revised Sexual Entertainment Venue and Sex Establishment Policy attached as Annexe 1 to this report.

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 Adoption of the revised policy will ensure that the Council continues to exercise its licensing function in this area in accordance with requirements.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 14 September 2017, the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee received and considered a report setting out a revised policy on the regulation of venues that offer sexual entertainment facilities.
- 2.2 It was noted that the definition of relevant entertainment did not include massage parlours and the Committee was informed that, whilst it was incorporated in other boroughs' policies, in Epsom & Ewell, massages and special treatments were licensable under the London Local Authorities Act 1991 (as amended).

- 2.3 Having considered the revised policy, a minor amendment was requested and agreed, as follows: page 46, paragraph 1.2, to read: ‘...Making Epsom and Ewell **an** excellent place to live and work...’.
- 2.4 Accordingly, subject to the correction of the minor amendment set out above, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council the adoption of the revised Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Council is asked to adopt the revised Sexual Entertainment Venue and Sex Establishment Policy attached as **Annexe 1** to this report.

4 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 4.1 **Chief Finance Officer’s comments:** *There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any costs of administering this policy or income are contained within existing budgets.*

5 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 5.1 **Monitoring Officer’s comments:** *It is important that the Council has an up to date policy, to guide the discharge of its licensing authority functions in relation to Sexual Entertainment Venues and Sex Establishments.*

6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 The adoption of the revised policy will ensure that this Council, as the Licensing Authority, continues to carry out its functions effectively, using all legislative powers it has been afforded with.

7 Partnerships; Risk Assessment

- 7.1 There are no implications for the purposes of this report.

8 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 8.1 The importance of revisiting and revising as necessary adopted policy has been highlighted in the body of the report. The policy approved at this meeting will be effective from January 2018.

WARD(S) AFFECTED: (All Wards);