

# Legal and Democratic Services

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<u>For the attention of:</u> Moray Council Services Contact: Rhoda Banfro Direct Dial: (01343) 563029 LicensingConsult@moray.gov.uk www.moray.gov.uk

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Dear Sir or Madam,

#### LICENSING REGIME FOR SEX ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

The Air Weapons Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 has provided local authorities the power to regulate Sex Entertainment Venues (SEVs). Sex Entertainment Venues are defined as commercial venues offering live performance or stripping, pole dancing, peep shows, live sex shows, lap and/or table dancing which are designed for the purpose of sexually stimulating the audience.

Moray Council is considering whether such SEVs should be licensed within Moray. Presently, Moray does not have any SEVs. However, with the introduction of this new licensing regime, Moray Council now has the opportunity to consider whether there would be any merit in licensing SEVs to ensure the appropriate control and regulation over the operation of any such venues in the future. This would include considering where the most appropriate locations would be for any proposed SEVs as well as whether a limit should be set (including nil) for such venues, should such a venue choose to operate in Moray in the future.

We value your views and welcome all comments in relation to whether SEVs should be licensed in Moray. In order to inform the Licensing Committee's decision, please complete the questionnaire below. Please note that all views must be received no later than **10 August 2019**.

If you have any queries relating to the above please contact:

Rhoda Banfro

Solicitor (Licensing and Regulatory)

Please select the answers that reflect your views.

1. Should Moray Council license SEVs?

Yes	[	
No		$\overline{\Box}$

2. If Moray Council chooses to Licence SEVs and adopts an SEV policy, please indicate below which issues the policy should address:

	Yes	Νο	Don't Know
The suitability of the applicant and those connected to them to own and manage a SEV			
Detailed operating rules for the management of a SEV if a licence is granted			
The interior layout of the premises and the facilities			
The character of the localities and their compatibility with SEV			
Compatibility of SEVs with particular neighbourhood uses			

3. In general, are there any localities within Moray that you consider to be appropriate for Sexual Entertainment venues?( the term "localities" refers to local areas or neighbourhoods, which you might think of as areas such as Keith, Fochabers, Garmouth etc.)



Yes (go to Q4)

**NO** (go to Q7)

Don't know (go to Q7)

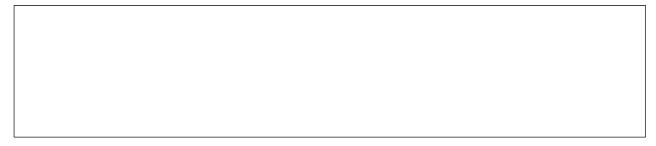
4. Which localities within Moray do you consider appropriate for Sexual Entertainment Venues? Please be as specific as possible.

5. Moray Council has the power to set a maximum number of Sexual Entertainment Venues for individual localities within Moray. This number could be zero. Do you think that the Council should set a figure for the maximum number of SEVs within any particular locality?

Yes

No, there should be no limits set

If yes, state which locality or localities, and how many. Please be as specific as possible.



6. Are there any localities within Moray that you consider to be inappropriate for Sexual Entertainment Venues?





If yes, please state which locality or localities. Please be as specific as possible.



7. We would like your views on whether SEVs should be allowed to open near particular areas and types of building. Please state how compatible an SEV would be near to the following types of area or building.

	Highly compatible	Quite compatible	Neither	Quite incompatible	Highly incompatible	
Mainly residential						
Historic buildings						
Schools						
Family leisure facilities/ children's play areas						
Mainly retail						
Areas with lots of night-time entertainment.						
Cultural facilities such as galleries and museums						
Youth facilities e.g. youth hostels						
Places of worship						

8. How important are each of the following features in deciding whether or not to grant a licence for a Sexual Entertainment Venue?

	Very important	Fairly important	Neither	Fairly unimportant	Very unimportant
The quality of the venue					
The ability to supervise activities in the premises					
Safety and treatment of the men and women working in SEVs					
Community safety issues					
Disabled access					
Safety and treatment of customers					

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please state whether you are a:

Local Business	
Educational Institution	
Religious Group/Organisation	
Other Organisation	

Moray Council is keen to ensure that all sections of the local community are well represented in this survey. It will help us to do this if you provide the following information. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence, will only be processed on an anonymous basis and will never be passed onto third parties. Sharing your personal information is optional but we would strongly encourage you to do so, as this will help us to make sure everyone's voice is heard.

#### Please provide the first half of your postcode:-

#### What was your age last birthday?

16-24 25-34

35-44
45-54

55-64
65+

#### Are you male or female?

Male
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Female

### Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

Yes
No

## Ethnicity: To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

Asian or Asian British Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Any other Asian background (please specify)	Irish         Irish         Mixed heritage         Asian & White         Black & White         Any other mixed heritage (please specify)
Black or Black British	
Caribbean African Any other Black background (please specify) Chinese	White         White         White         White         European         Any other         White         background         (please         specify)
Chinese	Other Ethnic Group <i>(please specify)</i>
Sexual orientation: Which of the following be         Bisexual       Gay woma         Gay man       Straight/he         Other (please specify)	-
Faith: What is your religion, faith or belief ev         Atheist       Hindu         Buddhist       Jewish         Christian       Muslim         Any other religion (please specify)	ren if you are not currently practising?

Thank you for your time!