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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

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No

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

	Yes	No	Don't Know
The suitability of the applicant and those connected to them to own and manage a SEV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed operating rules for the management of a SEV if a licence is granted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The interior layout of the premises and the facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The character of the localities and their compatibility with SEV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compatibility of SEVs with particular neighbourhood uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.)

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Yes (go to Q4)

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No (go to Q7)

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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?**

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Yes

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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?**

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Yes

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No

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.**

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

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

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Fairly important</i>	<i>Neither</i>	<i>Fairly unimportant</i>	<i>Very unimportant</i>
The quality of the venue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The ability to supervise activities in the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and treatment of the men and women working in SEVs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community safety issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and treatment of customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please state whether you are a:

Local Business

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Educational Institution

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Religious Group/Organisation

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Other Organisation

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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?

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16-24

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35-44

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55-64

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25-34

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45-54

☐

65+

Are you male or female?

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Male

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Female

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

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Yes

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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)

Black or Black British

- ☐ *Caribbean*
☐ *African*

Any other Black background (please specify)

Chinese

- ☐ *Chinese*

Irish

- ☐ *Irish*

Mixed heritage

- ☐ *Asian & White*
☐ *Black & White*

Any other mixed heritage (please specify)

White

- ☐ *White British*
☐ *White European*

Any other White background (please specify)

Other Ethnic Group (please specify)

Sexual orientation: Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

- ☐ *Bisexual* ☐ *Gay woman/lesbian* ☐ *Prefer not to say*
☐ *Gay man* ☐ *Straight/heterosexual*

Other (please specify)

Faith: What is your religion, faith or belief even if you are not currently practising?

- ☐ *Atheist* ☐ *Hindu* ☐ *Sikh*
☐ *Buddhist* ☐ *Jewish* ☐ *Prefer not to say*
☐ *Christian* ☐ *Muslim*

Any other religion (please specify)

Thank you for your time!