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To: Councillor Reynolds, Convener; Councillor Malik, Vice Convener; and Councillors Allan, Bell, Delaney, Henrickson, Mennie, Sellar and Townson.

Town House,
ABERDEEN 25 November 2019

LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Members of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in **Council Chamber - Town House** on **TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2019 at 10.00 am.**

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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Applications to be heard in private and treated as confidential information in terms of Section 50(A)(3)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You must consider at the earliest stage possible whether you have an interest to declare in relation to any matter which is to be considered. You should consider whether reports for meetings raise any issue of declaration of interest. Your declaration of interest must be made under the standing item on the agenda, however if you do identify the need for a declaration of interest only when a particular matter is being discussed then you must declare the interest as soon as you realise it is necessary. The following wording may be helpful for you in making your declaration.

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons

For example, I know the applicant / I am a member of the Board of X / I am employed by... and I will therefore withdraw from the meeting room during any discussion and voting on that item.

OR

I have considered whether I require to declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons however, having applied the objective test, I consider that my interest is so remote / insignificant that it does not require me to remove myself from consideration of the item.

OR

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons however I consider that a specific exclusion applies as my interest is as a member of xxxx, which is

- (a) a devolved public body as defined in Schedule 3 to the Act;
- (b) a public body established by enactment or in pursuance of statutory powers or by the authority of statute or a statutory scheme;
- (c) a body with whom there is in force an agreement which has been made in pursuance of Section 19 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 by Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise for the discharge by that body of any of the functions of Scottish Enterprise or, as the case may be, Highlands and Islands Enterprise; or
- (d) a body being a company:-
 - i. established wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing services to the Councillor's local authority; and
 - ii. which has entered into a contractual arrangement with that local authority for the supply of goods and/or services to that local authority.

OR

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons.....and although the body is covered by a specific exclusion, the matter before the Committee is one that is quasi-judicial / regulatory in nature where the body I am a member of:

- is applying for a licence, a consent or an approval
- is making an objection or representation
- has a material interest concerning a licence consent or approval
- is the subject of a statutory order of a regulatory nature made or proposed to be made by the local authority.... and I will therefore withdraw from the meeting room during any discussion and voting on that item.

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ABERDEEN, 29 October 2019. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Convener; Councillor Malik, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Allan, Delaney, Donnelly (as substitute for Councillor Bell), Henrickson, Mennie, Sellar and Townson.

The agenda and reports associated with this minute can be found [here](#).

Please note that if any changes are made to this minute at the point of approval, these will be outlined in the subsequent minute and this document will not be retrospectively altered.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

1. The Committee was advised that the applications/requests listed at item 9 on the agenda were to be heard in private and treated as confidential information in terms of Section 50(A)(3)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The Committee resolved:-

to note that applications/items of business to be heard in private and treated as confidential information in terms of Section 50(A)(3)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 were listed at item 9 on the agenda.

DEPUTATIONS

2. The Committee had before it a request for deputation from Mr Mark Cullen, Taxi Driver in relation to item 8.2 (Taxi Fare Review) on the agenda.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the deputation and that it would be heard immediately prior to consideration of item 8.2 (Taxi Fare Review) on the agenda.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 20 AUGUST 2019

3. The Committee had before it the minute of its meeting of 20 August 2019 for approval.

The Committee resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE OF 14 AUGUST, 11 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER AND 11 OCTOBER 2019.

4. The Committee had before it the minutes of the meetings of the Sub Committee of 14 August, 11 September, 30 September and 11 October 2019 for approval.

The Committee resolved:

to approve the minutes as correct records.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR CONSULTATION GROUP OF 2 OCTOBER 2019

5. The Committee had had before it the minute of meeting of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Consultation Group of 2 October 2019.

With reference to article 9(A) of the minute (Bus Gates), the Convener advised that the Consultation Group agreed to request that the Committee consider referring the matter of allowing access for private hire car drivers through bus gates to the Operational Delivery Committee for their consideration, noting that taxi drivers were currently able to do so.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to refer the matter of allowing access for private hire car drivers through bus gates to the Operational Delivery Committee for their consideration; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the minute.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNER

6. The Committee had before it the committee business planner as prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance.

The Committee resolved:

to note the committee business planner.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES

7. The Committee had before it, for its consideration, the applications listed in Appendix A to this minute.

The Committee resolved:-

that all applications be determined on the basis shown in Appendix A and that all licences were subject to the Council's standard conditions unless otherwise stated.

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PUBLIC CHARITABLE COLLECTION POLICY REVIEW - GOV/19/403

8. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Officer – Governance which provided information in relation to the review of the current Public Charitable Collection Policy to ensure that it was still fit for purpose.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

- (a) amend the policy to allow Street Collections to be permitted on any three days in a week, but not on consecutive days; and
- (b) grant delegated powers to the Chief Officer – Governance to grant permission for collections to be conducted at organised events, on any day, where no representations are received.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendations.

TAXI FARE REVIEW - GOV/19/302

9. In accordance with article 2 of this minute, the Committee received a deputation from Mr Mark Cullen, Taxi Driver in relation to item 8.2 (Taxi Fare Review) on the agenda.

Mr Cullen advised that he was a current taxi driver working for one of the two major taxi companies in the city and that he had canvassed the views of drivers in the trade through the two main social media sites which drivers subscribe to.

He indicated that the vast majority of respondents were broadly in favour of the proposed option to increase the taxi fare as outlined at section 3.4.1 of the report. He made reference to the downturn in the North East of Scotland economy, particularly the oil and gas industry and outlined the impact that this has had on business and leisure, although acknowledging that this industry had seen some recovery from early 2018. He made reference to fuel and car operating costs for drivers and the (previous) £40 charge to have taxi meters re-calibrated. He acknowledged that there would be criticism from some members of the public if the rise was approved, however he thought the increase in fares would be fair.

The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Officer – Governance which provided information which would allow the Committee to reach an informed decision on any changes to be made to the current taxi fare tariff and comply with its duty to review taxi fares under section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

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- (a) approve either Option A or Option B detailed at section 3.4 of the report as the proposed scales to be advertised for the taxi fare review in terms of section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to amend the fare card at surcharge 5 to reflect the holiday dates for 2020 and 2021;
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to advertise the proposed scales agreed in a newspaper circulating in its area for at least one month together with the general effect of the proposed scales and the date when it is proposed that they will take effect; and
- (d) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to submit a report to the Licensing Committee on 03 December 2019 on the outcome of the consultation on the proposed scales and seeking a final decision on the future taxi fare levels to be adopted from 29 January 2020.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve Option A, which was to increase the current basic tariff by 7% as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) to approve recommendations (b) to (d) above.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The press and public were excluded from the meeting for consideration of the applications listed in section 9 on the agenda and appendix B of the minute which contained confidential information in terms of Section 50A 3(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES - CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

10. The Committee had before it, for its consideration, the applications listed in Appendix B to this minute.

The Committee resolved:-

that all applications be determined on the basis shown in Appendix B and that all licences were subject to the Council's standard conditions unless otherwise stated.

- **COUNCILLOR REYNOLDS, Convener**

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APPENDIX A

**1. RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 26 BALMORAL ROAD, ABERDEEN
Application Reference 7/01**

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

The applicant, Mr James Stewart, was in attendance and spoke in support of his application.

Two of the three respondents were not in attendance, nor represented.

Ms Cecilia Davis, respondent, was in attendance and spoke in support of her letter of representation.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant and respondent.

The respondent summed up.

The applicant summed up.

Councillor Delaney, seconded by Councillor Donnelly moved:-
to defer consideration of the application until the works were completed, after which time the Private Sector Housing Manager could grant the licence under delegated powers if appropriate, for one year.

Councillor Townson, seconded by Councillor Allan, moved as an amendment:-
to defer consideration of the application until the works were completed, after which time the Private Sector Housing Manager could grant the licence under delegated powers if appropriate, for the full three-year term.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (4) – Councillors Delaney, Donnelly, Henrickson and Mennie; for the amendment (5) – the Convener, the Vice Convener and Councillors Allan, Sellar and Townson.

The Committee resolved:-
to adopt the amendment.

**2. RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 456A GREAT WESTERN ROAD, ABERDEEN
Application Reference 7/02**

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The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

The applicant's agent, Mr John Carroll, was in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

The respondent's agent, Mr Dean Purdie, was in attendance and spoke in support of the letter of representation submitted by Ms Frances Wilson.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant's agent and the respondent's agent.

The respondent's agent summed up.

The applicant's agent summed up.

The Committee resolved:-

to grant the renewal of the licence.

3. **APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 130 GREAT NORTHERN ROAD, ABERDEEN**
Application Reference 7/03

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

The applicant's agent, Mr Alexander Chan, was in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

The respondent was not in attendance, nor represented.

The Committee resolved:-

to grant the licence.

4. **RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 225 UNION GROVE, ABERDEEN**
Application Reference 7/04

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

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The applicant's agent, Mr Chris Minchin, was in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

The respondent was not in attendance, nor represented.

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application until the works were completed, after which time the Private Sector Housing Manager could grant the licence under delegated powers if appropriate.

**5. EXEMPTION FROM LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE
APPLICANT: WM MORRISON SUPERMARKET PLC
LOCATION: FILLING STATION, 130 WEST NORTH STREET
Application Reference 7/05**

The Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the application which provided details of a request for an exemption to their licence to open the petrol filling station for the hours 23:00 to 00:30 on Saturday 21 December, 2019 and Monday 23 December, 2019.

The applicant's agents Mr Alex Green and Mr David Hughes were in attendance and spoke in support of the request.

The Committee resolved:-

to grant the exemption, therefore allowing the petrol filling station including convenience store to trade on Saturday, 21 December and Monday, 23 December 2019 during the hours 23:00 to 00:30.

**6. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADER'S LICENCE
APPLICANT: ROOTS PLANT BASED CATERING
LOCATION: BEACH ESPLANADE, EAST SIDE, 86 METRES NORTH OF NEW PIER ROAD AND BEASH ESPLANADE EAST SIDE, 73 METRES SOUTH OF LINKS ROAD
Application Reference 7/06**

The Committee noted that the licence had been granted under delegated powers after the letter of representation submitted by the Community Council had been withdrawn.

**7. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADER'S LICENCE
APPLICANT: CLINT SANGBARANI
LOCATION: BEACH BOULEVARD RETAIL PARK – SOUTH CAR PARK**

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Application Reference 7/07

The Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the application which advised that the application had to be determined by 16 March 2020 and one representation from Castlehill and Pittodrie Community Council had been received.

The applicant, Mr. Clint Sangbarani, was in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

Mr Jonathan Smith representing the Community Council, was in attendance and advised that following discussions with the applicant, the Community Council was withdrawing its letter of representation and supporting the application.

The Committee resolved:-
to grant the licence.

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APPENDIX B

1. **RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 105B
SUNNYSIDE ROAD, ABERDEEN**
Application Reference 9/01

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

Mr Thain, Private Sector Housing Manager advised that a letter of support for the application had been omitted from the agenda due to an administrative error and sought approval from the Committee to circulate it to all parties.

The Committee resolved:-
to circulate the letter.

The applicant was represented by her father who spoke in support of the application.

Two of the three respondents were not in attendance, nor represented.

One of the respondents was in attendance and spoke in support of his letter of representation.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant's representative and respondent.

The respondent summed up.

The applicant's representative summed up.

Councillor Delaney, seconded by Councillor Allan, moved:-

to grant the renewal of the licence for a period of one year, with a condition that the licence-holder ensures that a good-quality carpet and underlay is laid in the lounge of the property, to the satisfaction of an authorised officer from Aberdeen City Council, and all within one month of the licence commencement date.

Councillor Townson, seconded by Councillor Donnelly, moved as an amendment:-
to grant the renewal of the licence for the full three-year term.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (5) – the Convener and Councillors Allan, Delaney, Henrickson and Mennie; for the amendment (4) – the Vice Convener and Councillors Donnelly, Sellar and Townson.

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The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to adopt the motion; and
- (ii) to request that a short presentation be held by the ASBIT Team at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee, which would outline the process they undertake when complaints are received from members of the public.

2. RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 105C SUNNYSIDE ROAD, ABERDEEN
Application Reference 9/02

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

The applicant's representatives were in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

Two of the three respondents were not in attendance, nor represented.

One of the respondent's was in attendance and spoke in support of his letter of representation.

The respondent summed up.

The applicant's agent summed up.

The Committee resolved:-

to grant the renewal of the licence.

3. RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 71 HILTON AVENUE, ABERDEEN
Application Reference 9/03

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

The applicant was in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

The respondent was in attendance and spoke in support of her letter of representation.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant and respondent.

The respondent summed up.

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The applicant summed up.

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application until the works were completed, after which time the Private Sector Housing Manager could grant the licence under delegated powers if appropriate.

4. RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – 75 HILTON AVENUE, ABERDEEN
Application Reference 9/04

The Committee had before it a report by the Private Sector Housing Manager in respect of the application.

The applicant and his agent were in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

One of the two respondents was not in attendance, nor represented.

The respondent who was in attendance spoke in support of her letter of representation.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant and respondent.

The respondent summed up.

The applicant summed up.

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application until the works were completed, after which time the Private Sector Housing Manager could grant the licence under delegated powers if appropriate.

5. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE POLICY
Application Reference 9/05

The Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the request for exemption from the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Policy.

The licence holder was not in attendance, nor represented.

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The Committee resolved:

to refuse the request for an exemption from the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Policy.

**6. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE
Application Reference 9/06**

The Committee had before it (1) an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the application which advised that the application had to be determined by 7 November 2019; and (2) a letter of representation from the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, c/o North East Division dated 28 May 2019.

The licence holder and his Trade Union representative were in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

Sergeant Flett was in attendance and spoke in support of Police Scotland's letter of representation.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant and Sergeant Flett.

Sergeant Flett and the applicant's representative both summed up.

The Committee resolved:

to grant the renewal of the licence.

**7. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADER'S LICENCE
(EMPLOYEE)
Application Reference 9/07**

The Committee had before it (1) an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the application which advised that the application had to be determined by 9 January 2020; and (2) a letter of objection from the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, c/o North East Division dated 5 August 2019.

Mr Sandy Munro, Interim Licensing Team Leader made reference to Police Scotland's letter and advised that information on the first page and details within the last two paragraphs of the letter should have been on a paper apart and therefore, the Committee should not take that information into consideration when coming to a decision.

The applicant was in attendance and spoke in support of his application.

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Sergeant Flett was in attendance and spoke in support of Police Scotland's letter of objection.

The Committee asked questions of the applicant and Sergeant Flett.

Sergeant Flett and the applicant both summed up.

The Committee resolved:
to refuse the grant of the licence.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	LICENSING COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNER The Business Planner details the reports which have been instructed by the Committee as well as reports which the Functions expect to be submitting.								
2	Report Title	Minute Reference/Committee Decision or Purpose of Report	Update	Report Author	Chief Officer	Directorate	Terms of Reference Number	Delayed or Recommended for removal or transfer, enter either D, R, or T	Explanation if delayed, removed or transferred
3			03 December 2019						
4	Taxi Fare Review Outcome of Consultation	To present the outcome of the taxi fare review consultation and to seek approval of a final fare structure.		Karen Gatherum	Governance	Governance	3		
5	Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing	To present options for consideration in light of new legislation. The Licensing Committee in August 2018 noted that the Legislation has still not been enacted and that a report presenting the options for consideration will be submitted once the legislation has been published.		Alexander Munro	Governance	Governance	3		
6			18 February 2020						
7	Taxi Fare Formula	Licensing Committee on 25 October 2016 (articles 5 and 9) resolved amongst other things to instruct the Licensing Team Leader to undertake a review of the existing taxi fare formula, including surcharges, following the completion of the current taxi fare review.		Lynn May	Governance	Governance	3		
8			21 April 2020						
9	No reports scheduled at this time.								
10			16 June 2020						
11	No reports scheduled at this time.								
12			01 September 2020						
13	No reports scheduled at this time.								
14			10 November 2020						
15	No reports scheduled at this time.								
16			TBC						

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LIST OF APPLICATIONS

	Application Type	Name of Applicant(s)	Premises, Vehicle or Area to which Application Refers	Objections or Representations Received From	Date by which Application to be Determine (If Applicable)	Page Number
1.	HMO Application (Renewal)	Glenn Bisset	101 Craigievar Crescent, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	9 December 2019	25 - 26
2.	HMO Application (Renewal)	Selina Van Hagen + Northwood Aberdeen Ltd	47C Summerfield Terrace, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	17 January 2020	27 - 28
3.	HMO Application (Renewal)	Lorna Dillon	23D Bedford Avenue, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	11 February 2020	29 - 30
4.	Late Hours Catering Licence (Grant)	Das Buluchandra	The Blue Elephant Takeaway, 299, George Street, Aberdeen	Legal	20 December 2019	31 - 32

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ABBREVIATIONS:

Legal
 EH Environmental Health
 SFRS Fire and Rescue Service
 BS Building Standards
 Roads

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Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: GLENN BISSET

ADDRESS: 101 CRAIGIEVAR CRESCENT, ABERDEEN

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 3 December 2019, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 3 December 2019. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.101 Craigievar Crescent, Aberdeen, is a ground-floor flat providing accommodation of 4 letting bedrooms (one en-suite), one kitchen & one communal bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is to renew an existing HMO licence.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland – no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – no objections
- General public – no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:
'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUND FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
 - i) Its location
 - ii) Its condition
 - iii) Any amenities it contains
 - iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
 - v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
 - vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
 - vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
 - viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and the registration includes No.101 Craigievar Crescent.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of No.101 Craigievar Crescent.
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - 1) IP44-rated light fittings to be installed in both bathrooms
 - 2) An exposed electrical cable in the en-suite bathroom to be protected in a suitable casing
 - 3) All self-closing doors to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they fully close
 - 4) All windows to be checked and repaired as necessary to ensure that they open for ventilation purposes
 - 5) The central heating controls to be relocated to a communal area
 - 6) A Notice of HMO Application - Certificate of Compliance, Gas Safe certificate, PAT certificate, Tenancy Agreement and the Building warrant Certificate of Completion in respect of the en-suite bathroom to be submitted to the HMO Unit

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

3 December 2019

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: SELINA VAN HAGEN

AGENT: NORTHWOOD ABERDEEN LIMITED

ADDRESS: 47 SUMMERFIELD TERRACE, ABERDEEN (FLAT 3)

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 3 December 2019, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 3 December 2019. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.47 Summerfield Terrace, Aberdeen, is a first-floor flat providing accommodation of 3 letting bedrooms (one en-suite), one kitchen, one public room & one communal bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 3 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is to renew an existing HMO licence.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland – no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – no objections
- General public – no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

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'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUND FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
 - i) Its location
 - ii) Its condition
 - iii) Any amenities it contains
 - iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
 - v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
 - vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
 - vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
 - viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and the registration includes No.47 Summerfield Terrace (Flat 3).
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of No.47 Summerfield Terrace (Flat 3).
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - 1) Carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in all rooms where there are gas appliances and/or flues
 - 2) The water damage to the window in bedroom 2 to be made good and the area redecorated
 - 3) A Notice of HMO Application - Certificate of Compliance, Gas Safe certificate, PAT certificate, Electrical Installation Condition Report & Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

3 December 2019

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: LORNA DILLON

ADDRESS: 23D BEDFORD AVENUE, ABERDEEN

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 3 December 2019, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 3 December 2019. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.23D Bedford Avenue, Aberdeen, is a first-floor flat providing accommodation of 3 letting bedrooms, one kitchen, one public room & one communal bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is to renew an existing HMO licence.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland – no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – no objections
- General public – no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:
'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUNDINGS FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
 - i) Its location
 - ii) Its condition
 - iii) Any amenities it contains
 - iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
 - v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
 - vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
 - vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
 - viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and the registration includes No.23D Bedford Avenue.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of No.23D Bedford Avenue.
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - 1) All self-closing doors to be checked and adjusted where necessary to ensure that they fully close
 - 2) The kitchen door-handles and latch to be repaired/replaced as necessary
 - 3) A Notice of HMO Application - Certificate of Compliance, Gas Safe certificate, PAT certificate, Electrical Installation Condition Report & Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

3 December 2019

TYPE OF APPLICATION: LATE HOURS CATERING GRANT
APPLICANT: Blue Elephant Takeaway, 299 George Street, Aberdeen

INFORMATION NOTE

Application must be determined by 20 December 2019

DESCRIPTION

Late hours catering grant, confirmation of site notice has not been received.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- EH

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal - Confirmation of site notice has not been returned

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

N/A

LEGISLATION

2 (1)A licensing authority shall, as soon as an application for the grant or renewal of a licence is made to them, send a copy of the application to the chief constable and, where the activity is wholly or mainly to be carried on (a)in premises to which Part 3 of the [Fire \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 5\)](#) applies, the enforcing authority; (b)in any other premises, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service .

(2) Where an application is for the grant or renewal of a licence in relation to an activity wholly or mainly to be carried on in premises, the applicant shall, for a period of 21 days beginning with the date on which the application was submitted to the licensing authority, display a notice complying with sub-paragraph (3) below at or near the premises so that it can conveniently be read by the public.

(3) The notice shall state—

(a) that application has been made for a licence;

(b) the particulars required under paragraph 1(2) above to be specified in the application (other than the date and place of birth of any person) ;

(c) that objections and representations in relation to the application may be made to the licensing authority in accordance with paragraph 3 below;

(d) the effect of paragraph 3(1) to (3) below.

(4) Where an application contains a declaration that the applicant is complying with sub-paragraph (2) above, the applicant shall, as soon as possible after the expiry of the period of 21 days referred to in that sub-paragraph, submit to the licensing authority a certificate stating that he has so complied.

(5) An applicant shall not be treated as having failed to comply with sub-paragraph (2) above if the notice was, without any fault or intention of his, removed, obscured or defaced before the 21 days referred to in that sub-paragraph have elapsed, so long as he has taken reasonable steps for its protection and, if need be, replacement; and if he has cause to rely on this sub-paragraph, his certificate under sub-paragraph (4) above shall state the relevant circumstances.

(6) Where an application contains a declaration that the applicant is complying with sub-paragraph (2) above, and—

(a) he fails to submit the certificate required by sub-paragraph (4) above;

(b) in the circumstances referred to in sub-paragraph (5) above, he has not, in the opinion of the licensing authority, taken reasonable steps for the protection or, as the case may require, replacement of the notice; or

(c) the licensing authority is, at any time before they reach a final decision on the application, satisfied that the notice was not displayed in accordance with this paragraph,

they may require the applicant to display the notice again for a period of 21 days beginning with such date as they may specify and the provisions of this paragraph shall apply in respect of such display as they apply in respect of display under sub-paragraph (2) above.

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	03 December 2019
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Taxi Fare Review
REPORT NUMBER	GOV/19/451
DIRECTOR	N/A
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell
REPORT AUTHOR	Karen Gatherum
TERMS OF REFERENCE	15.3

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To present the outcome of the representations to the proposed taxi tariff scales as advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- 2.1. notes the content of the report and that there were no representations made by members of the taxi trade or the public to the consultation;
- 2.2. agrees to fix fares at the 7% increase by way of adjusting the yardage figures and for the surcharges to remain unchanged;
- 2.3. instructs the Chief Officer-Governance to amend the fare card at surcharge 5 to reflect the holiday dates for 2020 and 2021;
- 2.4. approves the Tariff Card attached at Appendix 1 and instructs the Chief Officer – Governance to provide written notice to all taxi licence holders of the new tariff and their right of appeal; and
- 2.5. agrees that the tariff will take effect from 29 January 2020, provided no appeal is lodged with the Traffic Commissioner.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As required by the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, an advert was published in a newspaper circulating locally, namely the Evening Express. Members of the public and trade were invited to submit representations in

writing by Monday 02 December 2019. The date for lodging representations has now passed and no response was received in respect of the proposals.

- 3.2. If the Committee agrees, the proposed fares and surcharge will take effect on 29 January 2020. This will allow officers to complete the statutory procedures.
- 3.3. The Council as the licensing authority for taxis is required to review and fix scales for fares and any other charges.
- 3.4. At its meeting on 29 October 2019, the Licensing Committee proposed to increase the existing scale by 7% and fix the other existing charges at the same rate.
- 3.5. In line with statutory requirements, the proposal has been advertised in a local newspaper inviting persons to make representations, which the Committee must consider when fixing the scales.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The approval of the recommendations will require:
 - 4.1.1 After fixing the new scales, the licensing authority must give written notice to all taxi licence holders and the persons and organisations consulted during the review, setting out and explaining the effect to the scales fixed, the date they are to come into effect and their rights of appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.
 - 4.1.2. Copies of the new Taxi Tariff Card are required to be produced and issued to all taxi and private hire licence holders to be displayed in their vehicles, approximately 1,230 and this will be funded from the Taxi licensing budget.
 - 4.1.3. Staff costs of implementing the fare review and meter calibration will be contained within existing approved licensing budgets.
 - 4.1.4. There will, therefore, be a financial cost to the Licensing Team, Governance in producing and issuing the above documentation. These costs will be approximately £2000. The expenditure in the Taxi Licensing budget is met from the income raised through Taxi Licensing.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the Council, as the licensing authority for taxis is obliged to review and fix the maximum scale of fares and surcharges so that they take effect within 18 months beginning with the date on which the previous scales came into effect.
- 5.2. Operators of taxis or any person or organisation appearing to the Traffic Commissioner to be a representative of such taxi operators can appeal against any decision the Local Authority makes in respect of fixing fares and surcharges. Any appeal is made to the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area within 14 days of notice being given by the Licensing Authority.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	There is no financial risk to Aberdeen City Council arising from the recommendations in this report	L	
Legal	There is a legal risk if Aberdeen City Council does not comply with legislation	L	To ensure that the Committee approve the fare review within the statutory time scales.
Employee	There is no risk to employees arising from the recommendations of this report	L	
Customer	Implementation of Option A will increase the cost of a taxi/private hire journey for the customer/citizen of Aberdeen	L	In line with inflation increase which is reasonable considering rising running costs.
Environment	There is no risk to the environment arising from the recommendations of this report	L	
Technology	There is no risk to technology arising from the recommendations of this report	L	
Reputational	As a licensing authority there would be a reputational risk to the Council if it failed to undertake its legal obligation and	M	As this report fixing the fares within the statutory time period any risk is mitigated.

	not carry out the review.		
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8. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	The proposals within this report may deliver LOIP Stretch Outcome 1 – by increasing employment within the taxi and private hire trade. The paper seeks approval for the increase in taxi fares which may encourage people to enter the trade in future years. The current number of taxi's in the city are falling for the first time in many years and this paper report may resolve this.
Prosperous People	Not applicable
Prosperous Place	Not applicable

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	The increase the basic taxi fare may however impact on the people of Aberdeen by restricting the affordability of a taxi journey to certain members of the public.
Organisational Design	There will be no impact on Organisational Design arising from this report.
Governance	There will be no impact on Governance arising from this report.
Workforce	There will be no impact on Workforce arising from this report.
Process Design	There will be no impact on Process Design arising from this report.
Technology	There will be no impact on Technology arising from this report.
Partnerships and Alliances	Currently we anticipate there will be no impact on the taxi trade arising from the fixing of the tariff. However, a higher return on fares may encourage people to enter the trade.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Completed and full EHRIA not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

11. APPENDICES

11.1. Appendix 1- the Final Taxi Tariff Card.

12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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NOTICE TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN VEHICLE
 CITY OF ABERDEEN LICENSING OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS
MAXIMUM CHARGES APPLICABLE TO HIRE OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS FITTED WITH TAXI METERS
 – WITH EFFECT FROM 29 JANUARY 2020

Basic Tariff

- | | | | |
|-----|---|-------|-------|
| (A) | For the FIRST 940 yards | £2.60 | |
| (B) | For every additional 160 yards (Time Locked in Meter) | | £0.20 |

Extras

(A) **Waiting**

A sum calculated at the rate of £24.60 per hour.

(B) **Surcharges**

(NB: Surcharges 1 to 6 and 8 to 11 apply to all taxis and private hire cars fitted with a meter. Surcharge 7 applies only to hires commencing at the airport for taxis zoned to operate there).

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|------|--|-------|---|
| (1) | For each hiring between 10pm on Mondays to Thursdays inclusive and 8am the following day. (Time Locked in Meter) | £1.00 | |
| (2) | For each hiring between 10pm on Friday and 8am on the following Monday. (Time Locked in Meter) | | £1.00 |
| (3) | For each hiring between 2am and 5am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. (Time Locked in Meter) | | £2.00 |
| (4) | For each hiring pre-booked. | | £1.00 |
| (5) | For each hiring on the Spring, May Day, Midsummer and Autumn holidays as follows:-
Spring - Monday following third Sunday in April (if such Monday falls within the week in which Good Friday falls, then the following Monday)
Mayday - first Monday in May; Midsummer-second Monday in July; Autumn - fourth Monday in September | | £1.00 |
| (6) | For each hiring between 10pm on 24 December and 5am on 27 December and between 10pm on 31 December and 5am on 3 January. (Time Locked in Meter) | | Add 50% to basic tariff |
| (7) | For each hiring commencing at the Airport. (THIRD PARTY CHARGES) | | £1.00 |
| (8) | For each hiring dropping passengers at the inner forecourt of the airport
(Non-airport zoned taxis only)(THIRD PARTY CHARGES) | | £2.00 |
| (9) | For each hiring commencing at Aberdeen Railway Station. (THIRD PARTY CHARGES) | | £0.50 |
| (10) | A charge of £50 per incident of fouling a taxi. | | |
| (11) | Where more than four passengers carried. | | Add 50% to basic tariff plus surcharges (excluding surcharges 4,7 and 8) |

Chief Officer- Governance



EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The Council is required to set a maximum amount that can be charged for journeys in Taxis and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taximeters which it licences. Fares are reviewed at regular intervals to take into account of the operational costs of the vehicle and the driver's time, to allow the operator to make a reasonable return and to encourage the operation of taxis. Comparisons are made with taxi fares in other areas of the UK. There is opportunity for the public and trade to participate in the setting on the levels of fares proposed and taxi operators have the right to appeal against the Tariff set down by the Council before it comes into operation.
2. Please note that a taxi driver is not required to take you on a **journey ending outside the city boundary. Typical Destinations in the City** – Aberdeen Airport, Bridge of Don, Cove, Dyce, Kingswells and Peterculter. **Outwith the City** – Banchory, Blackburn, Ellon, Kemnay, Kintore, Inverurie, Oldmeldrum, Portlethen, Stonehaven and Westhill. If the driver does agree to take you outwith the city, these maximum fares do not apply and it is up to you to reach agreement with the driver as to the fare. You should do this before you start.
3. If you have booked a taxi to arrive at a particular time and keep it waiting, the driver can start the meter running once he has made his presence known to you and you can be charged at the maximum Waiting Time Rate shown on the Tariff.
4. The taximeter contains an electronic clock and calendar and calculates the correct fare based on the date, time of day and distance travelled. If the vehicle's speed falls below a predetermined speed, the taximeter will automatically switch over from calculating the fare based on the distance travelled to a calculation based on the time spent in the vehicle. You will be able to see the fare mounting up on the taxi meter as the vehicle goes along.
5. The driver is required to take you to your destination by the shortest practicable route.
6. The maximum fare you are required to pay is the sum calculated in accordance with the Tariff overleaf.
7. Please note that - (1) The fare payable may differ for the same journey on different days if the taxi has been held up in traffic and (2) a very short journey may be relatively expensive, due to the way the meter works. The fare will also vary depending on whether the trip was during the evening, early Saturday or Sunday morning or during certain public holidays.
8. If you are asked to pay VAT on the fare, please ask for a proper VAT receipt.
9. It is up to you to decide whether you wish to give the driver a **Tip**.
10. It is a criminal offence for you to take a taxi journey without having the money to pay for it.

Website: For explanatory notes about the tariff & other taxi/private hire car information see **aberdeencity.gov.uk**.

Complaints: Any complaints should be made to the Licensing Department by telephoning 01224 522879 or 522878 or by email to **licensing@aberdeencity.gov.uk**. Complaints can also be made to any police station or on the non-emergency police number 101. The licence number of the vehicle or its driver and the name of the company should be quoted.

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	03/12/2019
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing
REPORT NUMBER	GOV/19/452
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell
REPORT AUTHOR	Lynn May
TERMS OF REFERENCE	7

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the results of the public consultation, and to request the Committee to decide whether to introduce a licensing system for Sexual Entertainment Venues.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 consider the responses to the recent consultation exercise;
- 2.2 introduce a licensing system for Sexual Entertainment Venues; and
- 2.3 identify a commencement date for the licensing system for Sexual Entertainment Venues to be introduced.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 added new sections to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and introduced an optional licensing scheme for local authorities to licence Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) in their area.
- 3.2 A Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) is defined as any premises at which sexual entertainment is provided before a live audience. The most common examples are lap dancing or strip clubs, but the definition is sufficiently wide to cover other premises where sexual entertainment is provided. Premises where sexual entertainment is provided on no more than 4 occasions in a twelve-month period are exempt e.g. premises that cater for the occasional stag or hen party.

- 3.3 Currently in Scotland SEVs don't require to be specifically licensed. Some of these premises are already licensed in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 as they also sell alcohol but that licence only regulates the sale of alcohol in the premises, and not the sexual entertainment itself. At the moment there are five premises with alcohol licences in Aberdeen City that would meet the definition of an SEV.
- 3.4 The Scottish Government Guidance recommends that local authorities engage with local people, businesses and relevant stakeholders before deciding whether to pass a resolution. A consultation document was therefore published on the Council's website on 20 September 2019 asking for views.
- 3.5 The consultation document was also sent directly to Police Scotland, Community Councils, Aberdeen Civic Forum, Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Inspired, known Adult Entertainment Operators, NHS Grampian, Community Safety Partnership, Local Licensing Forum, ASBIT Team, Rape Crisis Aberdeen, Samaritans Aberdeen, Aberdeen Violence Against Women Partnership, Aberdeen Women's Alliance, Aberdeen Cyrenians, Aberdeen City Child Protection Committee, Aberdeen City Adult Protection Committee, Integrated Children's Services Board, City Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, North East Scotland Equalities Network, North East LGBT Community Development Group.
- 3.6 The consultation ran until 21 November 2019 and a copy of the responses received, along with a summary of the results, are attached at Appendix 1. A total of 112 responses were received, with 59 in favour of adopting a licensing regime and 53 opposed.
- 3.7 In considering whether to pass a resolution to licence SEVs in Aberdeen City the licensing authority must also consider other relevant factors and legislation, including the EU Service Directive, and the Convention rights of SEV operators. Licensing Authorities require to consider whether the decision to licence SEVs in their area is proportionate and justifiable.
- 3.8 If the local authority decide to introduce SEV licensing in Aberdeen City it requires to specify a date from which this will take effect. This date requires to be at least 12 months from the date on which the resolution was passed. Not less than 28 days prior to the commencement date the Council require to publish a notice advertising that they have passed a resolution to licence SEVs in the area and the general effect of the licensing provisions.
- 3.8 In this 12-month period the Council require to draft and publish an SEV policy statement. The policy statement will provide guidance on the details of the licensing system, including the types of premises to be licensed, the appropriate number of premises in each locality and suchlike. In order to formulate the policy, further consultation and evidence gathering exercises will be undertaken.
- 3.9 If the Council opt not to licence SEVs then such premises may operate without any licensing requirements relating to the activities and the Council will have no power to regulate permissible types of premises nor limit their number in any locality.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There will be additional licensing revenue from application fees if the local authority decide to pass a resolution to introduce the licensing of SEVs in Aberdeen City.
- 4.2 Officer time will be required to conduct consultation and draft policy if the Council decide to introduce a licensing regime.
- 4.3 If the Council introduce a licensing regime the fees would require to be calculated and included in the Council's Fees and Charges list.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The new sections of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 introduce an optional licensing scheme for the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues. This will offer the authority the opportunity to specifically regulate the provision of adult and sexual entertainment if felt there is a justified and proportionate need to do so in the area. If the authority choose to pass a resolution all such premises will require to be licensed from a specified date, however if they choose not to then such venues can continue to operate and new premises can open without specific regulation regarding the entertainment they offer.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	Preparation work done by Licensing Team Staff as required to carry out consultation and consideration of resolution	L	If no resolution is passed then no application income will be received to offset the costs of work already undertaken etc.
Legal	Existing and any new SEV premises could continue to operate if a resolution is not passed to licence SEV's.	M	Premises which also sell alcohol would continue to be licensed by the Licensing (Scotland Act) 2005 and would also be subject to existing regulation in terms of Building Standards, Fire Safety, Environmental Health and Health and Safety.
Employee	N/A		

Customer	N/A		
Environment	N/A		
Technology	N/A		
Reputational	Failure to licence SEVs may attract adverse publicity		Option available to pass a resolution to licence SEVs.

7. OUTCOMES

7.1 The proposals in this report have no impact on the LOIP/TOM

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Full EHRIA not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

Appendix 1 – Consultation responses

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Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing : Summary report

This report was created on Thursday 21 November 2019 at 13:48.

The consultation ran from 20/09/2019 to 20/11/2019.

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Question 1: What is your name?

Name

There were **99** responses to this part of the question.

Question 2: What is your email address?

Email

There were **82** responses to this part of the question.

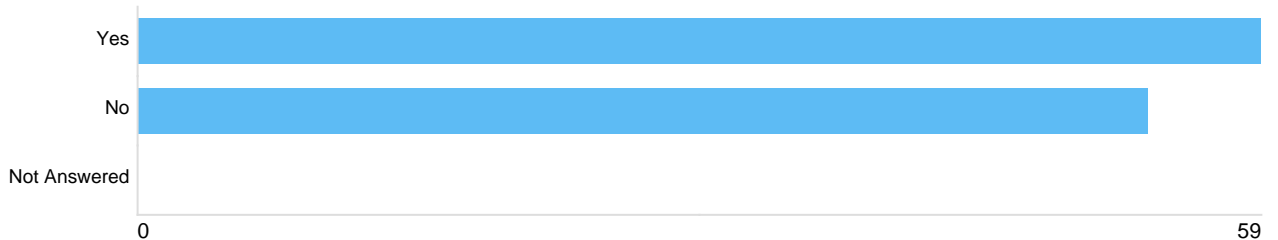
Question 3: What is your organisation?

Organisation

There were **69** responses to this part of the question.

Question 4: Should Aberdeen City have a Licensing system for SEVs?

Reasons for Answer - please provide evidence



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	59	52.68%
No	53	47.32%
Not Answered	0	0%

Reasons for Answer - please provide evidence

There were **97** responses to this part of the question.

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Should Aberdeen City have a Licensing system for SEVs? - Reasons for Answer - please provide evidence	Should Aberdeen City have a Licensing system for SEVs? - Reasons for Answer - please provide evidence
No	Waste of time and money. Likely to be detrimental to the night time economy & demographic of the city.
No	
No	Current system fine as is
No	<p>The local authority should look to work with the staff, unions and owners of these venues to promote good working practices.</p> <p>Making it harder for these venues to operate will only force them underground and create more risk for the women working in them</p>
No	<p>While I believe it is sensible to know about such venues for the purposes of monitoring and enforcement of current laws, I do not believe we should create a mechanism that can be abused so as to limit or approve the existence of otherwise legal establishments.</p> <p>If "licencing" was a requirement for operation, but not subject to approval by the council, then that might prove workable.</p>
No	Don't see a need for this at all, the only thing the Council should do is make sure premises are run appropriately and the employees are not an any danger or being mistreated by employers, plus customers are not at risk.
No	Nothing wrong with the way things are at the moment

No	This seems totally unnecessary and just another loophole for businesses to have to jump through. It could create unlicensed 'black market' establishments where the safety of employees and customers cannot be monitored. If anything we should be looking to decriminalise adult work and create safer work environments for sex workers.
No	As they are already regulated as any other establishment I don't feel they need more regulation at bureaucratic level.
No	I don't believe they are good for our city, encourage typically men to look down on females. We have plenty local bars and pubs which could be utilised instead.
No	they'll just f**k it up
No	
No	Too many times over the last few years local authorities have tried to nanny the people soon I'll have to ask permission to leave the city.. Ok maybe that's a bit far but what has changed over the last five years? Why, what are the reasons NOW?
No	If there is no problem and operators are observing the law and any Council requirements then any licence would simply be an income generator
No	
No	Just another way to take money from businesses.
No	Current setup and provision works satisfactorily, no need to change.
No	The status quo is acceptable
No	No reason to be treated any different from any other night time venue.

<p>No</p>	<p>Aberdeen has been successfully operating without SEV's for a number of years if not decades. The number of locations operating within the city appears to have found its level. From my own workings I believe there are now 5 premises operating within the city. Over the years a few have shut down and a few have opened or reopened in the same location. I feel it would be alarmist to believe that there would be multiple more premises opening. There is no evidence of this potentially happening. I truly believe the SEVs are being brought in to close down all facilities within the city.</p> <p>Having had a number of friends who have worked in or previously owned these premises over the years I know the background to why these people are working. These are not women being exploited, these are women working under their own free will. The majority of those I met were students within the city covering law and literature for example. There were also a number of single mothers who would travel from afar to hopefully benefit from the wealth of aberdeen. Could they work elsewhere, yes, could they potentially make the money they do whilst working there, probably not. It also allows flexibility of working and working at night.</p> <p>Having multiple premises allows for movement of workers giving them freedom of choice over commission rates. Reducing the number of premises in the city will reduce this freedom and open up the owners to be able to set higher commission rates.</p>
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<p>No</p>	<p>Having been a customer in <i>Name Redacted</i> in Aberdeen I find it very well run at present among the highest standard of any licensed premises in Aberdeen that I have visited.</p> <p>The industry in the north east employs hundreds of jobs which could be lost due to extreme licensing conditions put onto premises. No only dancers but cleaners, bar staff, door staff and management.</p> <p>Surely any licensing 'issues' could be dealt with under the venues existing licence if this is an issue.</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>As most SEVs already have a license to sell alcohol there would be a massive cross over of objectives within the agreement which is already implemented with in the SEVS.</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>After only encountering strip clubs a few months ago as I have recently got a new job I was surprised at how much of chilled and easy environment it was to be in. Personally I believe that strip clubs that I have encountered (<i>Names Redacted</i>) have very clear rules that they follow to make sure it is a safe environment for both the girls working, their bar and other staff and the people attending and paying money to go to the venue. I feel they are a normal part of society and that having any extra regulations or licensing on these type of clubs could take away from what they already do. I believe that everyone involved in running these clubs have enough care for them and know how they work and put the best interest of all the stakeholders. I don't see them any differently from going and sitting in a normal bar, club or pub and honestly feel safer there than I do in a night club.</p>

<p>No</p>	<p>No evidence that they cause any more/worse disruption than any other type of venue in the city. People with positions of power who are against them on "moral" reasons will negatively effect the positive economic impact these clubs provide.</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>I personally believe that if councils had more control over what these clubs can/can't do, it will only lead to clubs being closed down, women, and men, being out of work, and sex workers turning to unsafe working environments.</p> <p>Councils having control over wether these clubs can exist, is definitely not in sex workers best interests.</p> <p>Strip clubs, lap dancing clubs, etc, provide a safe space for sex workers to conduct their work. Taking these safe spaces and securities away, would leave sex workers vulnerable.</p> <p>If you really want to improve things for sex workers, focus on safety within these clubs, making sure workers are not being harassed by either clients or management.</p> <p>Sex work, is real work.</p>
<p>No</p>	

No	I do not think they need licensing as some people work in jobs that are not deemed conventional too survive for several personal reasons. Too introduce licensing is too possibly revoke those peoples jobs and also too lose taxpayers money spenditure which is a vital income for the government and local business. I think this is another way to try stamp out sex workers lifestyle choices and I ask that you reconsider this idea and properly think about who else might be affected from this possible licensing. Aberdeen’s clubs and night life suffers enough as it is don’t take action on a big part of its income in finances.
No	They operate safely currently and don’t cause problems most of the time, putting out this license will affect the business, which might lead to them having to close and therefor there will be a lot more people that are not employed.
No	
No	Aberdeen seems to be not doing so well in terms of business potential and I don't believe having extra restrictions or more work imposed on a, comparatively, a small group of businesses will help Aberdeen show its true artful community.
No	For Aberdeen economy, this SEV License system is not a good idea. Because Aberdeen is not busy and business is not good now.
No	Aberdeen economy is already bad and that affects the clubs too. Licensing would lead to more businesses closing and lower taxes for the Council.
No	Bad for the city night life and the business
No	It seems the rich people in the council chambers want to take more money from businesses in a city that is already struggling to get business.

No	Clearly just another tax grab by this Tory council along with their red Tory friends. What purpose does this serve to the public's interest other than generating revenue from already struggling venues and industry? Are more redundancies the only goal of a Tory council? Asking for everyone involved in the SEV industry.
No	If we haven't needed a licence yet then there is no need for one now. There are already rules and regulations about the ages of people to attend such venues and can't say that the ones in aberdeen cause any issues that I've heard about
No	Aberdeen is suffering because of the poor economy. This situation affects the market in general and businesses have already closed their doors the past years. We do not need regulations that create harder conditions for any investor. And that includes clubs that offer sexual entertainment too.
No	Business market is already taking a hit. This will make it worse.
No	Aberdeen streets are not busy enough to justify imposing harder regulations for businesses including sexual entertainment venues
No	The strip industry is really slow last years the earning is not high anymore its not need to do a licensing system as self employer it will make my economic situation more difficult.
No	Aberdeen not busy not good bisnes
No	Because Aberdeen is not busy not good business not need license
No	Aberdeen has no need for this. It will only effect the already struggling industry in the city.

<p>No</p>	<p>Gentlemens Clubs in Aberdeen are not a problem and well run establishments. They have less police related incidents than any other licensed premises, have more compliance regulations regarding workers with personal files kept of every dancer which are available at any time for LSO or police to view.</p> <p>No history of any offences at clubs.</p> <p>If council should decide to have licensing system then they should ensure they grant grandfather rights to any club that has a clean record and been well run establishments</p> <p>I realise one of benefits to council is to have ability to decide if they have reached the capacity for this sector which they cant at moment.</p> <p>And fair discussion with the trade to set high standards and those conditions attached to any licence. It shouldn't be based on moral issues.</p> <p>It would be highly unfair to as in our case we were granted licence 20 years ago and on that basis bough the building and refurbished it with understanding if we broke no rules we could happily operate.</p> <p>It should also be remembered this cant be a female only licence and would effect both sexes with venues holding hen parties with male dancers and stripogrammes included .</p> <p>And there was talk of granting limited occasional licences but who would police this and open to shady operators running occasional events moving from venue to venue.</p> <p>Another fear is if clubs were to close that stag nights would simply move to unmonitored hotel suites, with danger to girls.</p> <p>Finally the economic benefits of having the clubs in a city and how to make a zero policy would reflect on peoples perception of Aberdeen as a night time destination. There are enough empty clubs in the city as it is.</p>
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No	I am very happy doing this job for years now and i love my job
No	This has been my job for 8 years and has helped me further my life
No	I have visited a a few of the venues in Aberdeen and the venues give good entertainment and i feel the provide a safe environment for the people that work there
No	I am a dancer I like my job and I enjoy doing my job.
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No	This is an extra burden on the already heavily regulated licence laws 99% of all licenced premises in Aberdeen city and shire whether bars or clubs are well run and have regular visits from LSOs and police checks. I therefore cannot see why we need more costs and regulation.
No	We feel our premises is already fully compliant with all the current legislation, rules and regulations. Further regulations could jeopardise jobs.
No	I don't understand why it should be licensed. I will leave this to Scottish government.
Yes	
Yes	So that premises can be checked for sex trafficking
Yes	to assist in potentially enabling a better monitoring of sexual workers in a positive sense. licencing may potentially assist in investigations with regard to sexual exploitation, trafficking and abuse.

<p>Yes</p>	<p>Licences for businesses protect the business, the staff and the customers. If a business is required to operate within licencing restrictions, this means they are also subject to specific criteria to be awarded the licence and to keep it. Licencing SEVs ensures that a minimum standard would be required which could go towards protecting those employed.</p> <p>I am actually surprised this is not already a requirement it seems a sensible requirement.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Licensing will provide visibility on activities within these venues, and will allow ACC to control number allowed to operate</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Keep tabs on numbers, realistically I would have thought that the downturn would have reduced the need for so many of these establishments.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Best if the council have control over what is going on in the city with this negative activity.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Far to many littered in one area poorly looked after outside frontage and at night walking and driving by looks terrible with girls ckad at doorways.</p>

Yes	SEVs should be licensed for several reasons : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish limits on the number on such venues in Aberdeen as a whole and only in certain areas of the city. 2.To ensure that those who wish to operate such a venue is a fit and proper person to do so. 3. To ensure that HSE standards are in place and maintained. 4. To ensure that operating practices are ethical and legal for the protection of employees, customers and the wider general public. 5. To ensure that owners/operators of such venues do not engage in human trafficking to fulfill the roles of performers.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	These places shouldnt exist but if they must then they should be licensed and checked.
Yes	This should be required to ensure the premises is abiding by local laws and customs
Yes	Yes and there should be zero limit. No need for places like this in the city
Yes	Two many strip clubs
Yes	Like any business, companies should have the appropriate license. The license should not be expensive or cause unnecessary 'red tape' but should exist to regulate the sev businesses and ensure best practices.
Yes	Keeping performers safer

<p>Yes</p>	<p>Many parts of central Aberdeen look tired, run down and scruffy, especially Union Street - the city has lost the classiness it once had. Part of this problem is the allowance of mobile phone shops on Union Street and the many SEVs on the side streets. Side streets such as Bridge Street and Chapel Street which in my opinion are being brought down by these establishments.</p> <p>Aberdeen City Council has allowed SEVs to spring up around the centre of Aberdeen.</p> <p>Every city has SEVs and Aberdeen obviously has a requirement, however I feel strongly they should be closely monitored and reduced in number. There should also be guidelines to prevent their 'shop fronts' looking tacky.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Yes</p>	<p>I think this would be a great idea to protect both the staff and the customers who use this type of entertainment venues. And to make sure that they cant just pop open all over aberdeen. We have a really good town centre and i dont think we need any more of this type of venue or too many of them in one place.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>There is a need for such things to be regulated to prevent the abuse of decency in our city.</p> <p>A free-for-all approach will leave us open to all kinds of abuse, which will not be in the best interests of the people of Aberdeen and those visiting our city.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>It's a vile trade and should not be allowed full stop</p>

Yes	All organisations having sexual entertainment for men / women / mixed should be licensed, and members carry some sort of identification that they are allowed into the premises. If the members carry a card that can be swiped when entering that might cut down on any trouble inside and known troublemakers will not be issued a card. This is for the safety of staff and customers.
Yes	so that the whole system can be controlled by a responsible group
Yes	Better control of venues
Yes	The council regulates everything being offered by 3rd parties on the Highstreet. Not just that, most areas need operating licences and official standards to comply with. How is it possible that in 2019 this area is completely unregulated and unlicensed.
Yes	simply to provide assurance to dancers/performers that the venue treats them fairly. It should not add an extra layer of regulatory bureaucracy to in a sly way to prevent and/or reduce the amount of SEVs in certain areas, but instead to ensure the venues are operating in an ethical way; checking IDs of performers, paying a fair wage, ensuring the security of performers etc.
Yes	It's a discriminating work environment towards women and could lead to the workers getting abused by the customers
Yes	I think people should know what the licence is being granted for
Yes	To ensure that the people providing such services are properly protected and regulated. Don't see the need myself but no objection if properly controlled.

<p>Yes</p>	<p>Having worked at a strip club for six years, initially as a door supervisor working my way up the ranks eventually to General Manager, I have seen from all perspectives.</p> <p>1. The girls are exploited by the owners. This is done by putting on more girls than can fairly make money. I've seen 10-12 on a Monday when there are more girls than customers. The house fee they pay (45 on a monday) is still payable and goes down as debt which is recouped hence. The girls are constantly paying back debt and rarely have a day where they have a decent take home. Limiting the amount of dancers on per night would help remedy this.</p> <p>The owners also give travelling girls false promises. Dancers who travel different clubs in the UK. This is obviously to get a free house fee regardless of the dancers take. It also fills up the owners flats which he charges a nightly fee for. The girls that stay in flats long term have no contract, pay cash and can be kicked out any time with no warning or record of staying there. The owner has sent guys round to kick girls out before.</p> <p>2. The customers are exploited. The dancers will ply The customers with drinks to get them as wasted as possible in order to achieve higher card payments. Sometimes the dancers will remember the customers pin and basically just scam him. Most won't report this as it is embarrassing to report a high spend in a sex venue. I have also seem staff and managers give higher spenders free drinks to encourage further spend. Level of drunkenness isn't always seen as a problem as long as the customer was spending on the girls.</p> <p>2. Prostitution. As the general manager, I sacked one girl from the club for prostitution. I caught her engaged in a sexual act in</p>
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	<p>the dance area and immediately dismissed her. The owner simply put her to another club. I had caught dancers engaging in similar acts before when I worked as a door supervisor. The higher earning girls rarely got punished. If they were punished, it would be a cash fine payable to the owner and the fine would still leave the girl in reasonable profit. Other girls just take the money from customers for the promise of sex and leave. I have witnessed this hundreds of times. It leaves a them vulnerable at closing time.</p> <p>3. Security. Alot of the club's have cut security hours back to minimal which is problematic. When I worked security it was open until half past close. drinks up at quarter past and then wait for the girls to leave safely. None of the club's in Aberdeen pay doorstaff to stay late now. A mere 15 minutes. I stayed out of principal but not many will. The girls safety is imperative and they are at high risk of assault already as sex workers and even more with the aforementioned behaviours at play.</p> <p>5. Money Laundering and tax evasion. The money the girls are paid out by card is just dumped in their accounts. Most of the girls are Romanian and send it home via western union. It barely rests within our own economy for a day. The debt system is set up quite cleverly. Too many girls put on to work so unpaid fees rests as debt. The debt repaid I do not believe is taxable as it is listed as debt recouped as oppose to income. The money taken for flats is run through the club. There is a spreadsheet on the computer that keeps track. All moneys are dealt in cash through the club but handed in a envelope to the owner.</p> <p>6. Drugs. Strip clubs are havens for drug dealers to try and use</p>
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	<p>the girls to buy drugs or sell them for them. This I battled for a long time, alas to no avail. Many of the girls are cokeheads. This is largely because the job exploits women for troubled and challenged social backgrounds. Drugs and prostitution tend to come hand in hand. Lap dancers, as aforementioned, are using the job as a front for the more profitable venture of prostitution. Lap dancing venues attract the most unsavoury of people. The underbelly of society. <i>Name Redacted</i> have been putting up billboards of late around Aberdeen city centre. I saw about 7 of them in one trip down union street. This I know is against the law or most certainly nightlife regulations.</p> <p>Bottom line- Strip clubs and other sex entertainment enterprises will never play by the rules unless heavily regulated. It's difficult to regulate any enterprise that feeds off of the underbelly of society. The customers dictate what kind of business is being run by making it profitable by unsavoury means.</p> <p>I propose Aberdeen council put out an official poll to the people of Aberdeen questioning if Aberdeen should allow sex entertainment venues to operate!</p>
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Yes	Hopefully this is to make safer working conditions for people working in this environment and this may reduce exploitation of vulnerable people.
Yes	<p>To safeguard performers, to ensure that their physical and mental wellbeing are assessed before and during their employment.</p> <p>To ensure appropriate persons hold licence for establishments.</p> <p>To prevent any form of trafficking.</p> <p>Strict protocols to be set to protect the public.</p>
Yes	I think its better for it to be overseen - so that the council is aware of the number of such venues. It would also avoid a proliferation of them in certain areas. It gives the council control over where SEVs can operate.
Yes	A licensing system is better in order that premises providing this type of entertainment can be monitored ensuring that both performers and paying clients are not exploited.
Yes	To provide an additional layer of protection for sex workers, and to hopefully prevent premises opening without any prior government knowledge, which should prevent unnecessary trafficking.
Yes	These venues can oftentimes be fronts for other kinds of activity. They can also be exploitative and as such they should be monitored and licensed so there is oversight, not just as part of liquor licensing but as an SEV venue as well
Yes	<p>These clubs provide entertainment and work for the girls working there.</p> <p>Obviously each venue needs a licensing system but these can be adhered to easily.</p>

<p>Yes</p>	<p>The venues provide entertainment and safe and secure environment for the girls that work in the venues, i visit the strip clubs when i am out in town and the girls are well looked after and they love what they do!</p> <p>Don't take this away from Aberdeen it will just drive things underground and the girls and bar staff will have no job's and it could lead to the girls been in danger</p>
<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Yes</p>	<p>It is important that these premises are regulated and potentially monitoring the age of the workers</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>We would wish to see a regulatory system in place for the activities that fall within the current definition of sexual entertainment, principally for public safety reasons; the protection and well-being of performers, participants and audience and to minimise the risk of exploitation of any party involved.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>SEVs exploit vulnerable women and lead to crime and disorder and are a sordid blight on the City. If they cannot be banned (as they should be) then at least the City can license them and provide some measure of protection to the public.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Why not</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Ensure correct working practices, protection for those working in the industry. Ensure employers are keeping safe and legal working conditions.</p> <p>I also think that sexualisation of people in a “me too” culture should not be considered the “norm” and that negative sexual behavior isn’t endorsed by local authorities but that tighter controls should be enforced.</p>

Yes	I believe that licence should remain in Aberdeen city as this has provided an opportunity for many women like myself to work and make a honest living for myself I have done this job for the last 5 years
Yes	I have worked in the sexual entertainment industry in Aberdeen for the last 10 years and it has been a great opportunity for myself to make a living in a controlled environment and I do hope that I may continue to keep working in this industry
Yes	I came to Aberdeen in 2018 to have a fresh start at life and this line of work has given me the chance at the new beginning that I need and working in a club that has all the correct procedures in place has helped me settle in and feel safe and confident in the job I'm doing
Yes	I had began my employment in 2013 and it was my first job since leaving school and it has been a great job, the girls are all welcoming and take great pride in their line of work and they are all looked after so that we may ensure there is no issues in the venue. You also get to know all the women working within the venue and their stories as to why they want to work in this industry and I'm glad to have worked along side them and look forward to hopefully continue to work with them for many more years to come
Yes	

<p>Yes</p>	<p>This outdated industry is partly responsible for the often depraved, misogynistic & sexist views of women that we still have to endure and survive in, up to this day world wide. Venues of this nature are basically a green light to allow this wholly unacceptable and unhealthy behaviour and attitude to continue.</p> <p>It also has to be noted the likelihood of many of the workers true back stories would be far from pleasant to hear; more so in this internet era where human/sex slave trafficking is a lucrative industry, which gets murkier, seedier and more dangerous by the day.</p> <p>During this obvious and so far successful face lift & modernisation of the city and its reputation, I think making it official that such places need to be carefully monitored for reasons like mentioned above, can and will only further highlight the positive and healthy changes underway already.</p> <p>As a city that welcomes many foreign students, clients & investors from far and wide, having a seedy poster at the haudagain roundabout is without a shadow of a doubt, embarrassing, crass & setting a very cheap undertone of what to expect from the city.</p> <p>Hopefully this draconian industry, (although it cannot be made illegal) can instead be made more aware, accountable and responsible of its duty to protect its work force safety, integrity and reputation.</p> <p>It cannot go unnoticed that the location and prominence of such places indirectly reflect a city and its surrounding areas</p>
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	<p>underlying expectations and overall attitude towards not only their own local woman but to woman at large. It's not a pleasant or welcome thought for us locals and I imagine not an especially comforting greeting for incoming young foreign women.</p> <p>For the safety of all woman in the city and to bring it to the consciousness of men (local and visitors), I strongly believe these establishments are in need of an overhaul and tighter controls and security, proving that as a city we are not only in the forefront of oil, gas and renewables but also leaders in making a city safe for everyone & where respect for women is the norm not the exception.</p>
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<p>Yes</p>	<p>To make sure workers are not being exploited. Also to stop them handing out leaflets is possible, you find heaps of them if you walk down union street in the morning and it doesn't show a very good image of the city.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>Why should we have any restrictions? I don't think the way for our city to move forward is moving back with unnecessary regulation. There's also a financial aspect to think about.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>I have been working as a self-employed for the past 8 years as a dancer and this job has put me on my feet over the past few years now, I have been very happy doing this job and I can't ask for anything better. I really love my job and I enjoy doing my job.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Yes</p>	

<p>Yes</p>	<p>Would allow for: Confirmation of ages of customers just as a bar would for serving alcohol Confirmation of ages of the girls/boys/women/men performing to ensure against child exploitation. Possible background checks for entertainers e.g. health checks, proof of age, identity</p> <p>Would possibly help monitor against human trafficking-concerns over exploitation/slavery.</p> <p>Comments: Concerns about prostitution, could this be used as a front?</p> <p>Aberdeen as a post has a history of a visible sex industry.</p> <p>Protection of those in vulnerable position as performers. A consistently of policy for all those engaged in the sex industry in the city.</p> <p>Health concerns, sexual health, drug use...raises concerns over how performers are paid? Employed/self employed/casual work...how can we ensure they are not being exploited e.g. indentured by human traffickers?</p> <p>Some questions: How many hen/stag parties take place in Aberdeen? And how the introduction of SEVs might impact hotels/bars?</p> <p>Why has Scot Gov not legislated to make this compulsory?</p> <p>Concerns over what is sexual entertainment? What are the</p>
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	<p>boundaries?</p> <p>Should there be guidelines for patrons to be aware of...for example what to look out for if anyone is being misused/trafficked/enslaved?</p> <p>How would a SEV be monitored?</p>
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