

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	14 May 2025
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing
REPORT NUMBER	CORS/25/041
DIRECTOR	Andy MacDonald
CHIEF OFFICER	Alan Thomson
REPORT AUTHOR	Sandy Munro
TERMS OF REFERENCE	16.3

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To review the position in relation to Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licences and determine whether a formal review process is required.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Consider the current policy in relation to Sexual Entertainment Venue licences and determine whether a formal review process is required.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The current SEV policy is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved on 3 December 2019 to licence SEVs, with the policy statement being approved on 14 December 2021 and coming into effect on 1 March 2022.
- 3.3 Whilst there have been no notable incidents regarding SEVs during the operation of the policy, Members may wish to conduct a formal review to establish that the policy remains fit for purpose and to ensure details such as the numerical limit of premises remains at the appropriate level. There is a suggestion at least one of the premises is no longer operating as an SEV and we have also been contacted by the Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership who are keen to contribute to a review should one go ahead.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	N/A			Yes
Compliance	N/A			Yes
Operational	N/A			Yes
Financial	N/A			Yes
Reputational	N/A			Yes
Environment / Climate	N/A			Yes

8. OUTCOMES

The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	No assessment required. I confirm this has been discussed and agreed with Alan Thomson, Chief Officer, Governance on 21 January 2025
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required.
Other	N/A

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Current SEV Policy

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