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**Refuse & Environment  
Service**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Cambridge City Council public consultation - Draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy**

### **Background**

Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 introduced a new category of sex establishment called a 'sexual entertainment venue' that gives local authorities the power to regulate lap dancing clubs and similar venues under Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

The new powers enable these types of establishment to be licensed in the same way as sex shops, rather than as pubs/clubs and give local councils greater scope and discretion to control these premises within their areas.

The Council adopted the new powers in October 2010. On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011, the Licensing Committee approved a draft Licensing Policy for consultation with stakeholders and other bodies/ persons likely to be affected.

Although there is no legal requirement for the Council to adopt a policy, Government Guidance considers it to be good practice for Licensing Authorities to have a Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments, stating how they will administer their functions.

### **Consultation**

We are undertaking a 12-week public consultation on the draft policy. This is taking place between 31 January – 26 April 2011.

As a part of the consultation process, we are writing to everyone likely to be affected and are seeking feedback from the local community. We recognise that in some areas it may be difficult to identify the correct persons or bodies to consult, so we would be most grateful if you could pass this letter to the most appropriate person or body to respond, if necessary.

The draft policy can be viewed and downloaded from the consultation section of our website at <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/consultations/sex-establishment-licensing-policy-consultation.en> Printed copies can also be made available by telephoning the above number or by calling at our reception in Mandela House, Regent Street, between the hours of 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday.

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We welcome any comments you may have and all comments received will be considered. Although we are not able to give an individual response to each comment received, we will be publishing the results on our website in June 2011.

Please send any response to the Licensing Team, Refuse & Environment Service, PO Box 700, Cambridge CB1 0JH, to arrive by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011. You can also e-mail your response to [licensing@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cambridge.gov.uk). Replies should be annotated 'Sex Establishment consultation response'.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

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