

**Licensing Committee**  
**10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Submitted by:**           **Head of Business Improvement and Partnerships**

**Purpose**

To advise the Committee of the consultation process in relation to the attached draft policy in relation to Sex Establishments

**Recommendation**

**That the existing policy be reviewed and following the results of the consultation exercise be recommended to the Council for adoption.**

1.       **Background**

1.1 Members may recall that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 following a consultation exercise Full Council approved the adoption of the attached Sex Establishment Policy.

2.       **Issues**

2.1 The Period of Licensing Policy was stated to be for three years from the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011. It has therefore been three years since the policy was formulated and consultation undertaken.

2.2 The Policy should therefore be sent out for consultation.

2.3 It is considered by the Councils legal and licensing departments that the existing policy meets the needs of the current licensing regime and that no additions, amendments or deletions are required.

3.       **Proposal**

3.1 That the Committee consider the draft policy and make any necessary amendments.

3.2 That following consultation a draft policy relating to the licensing of Sex Establishments will be presented to a future meeting of Full Council with recommendations for adoption.

5.       **Reasons for the Proposal**

To continue the review of the Council's policies and procedures and to ensure the continued safety and protection of the residents of the Borough and its visitors.

6.       **Crime and Disorder**

Reducing the incidence of crime to vulnerable groups and reducing the fear of crime.

7.       **Human Rights**

Article 6(1) guarantees an applicant a fair hearing.  
Article 14 guarantees no discrimination.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

No issues have been identified.

9. Major Risks

None.

10. Key Decision Information

11. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

Full Council 23/2/11