

Summary of comments and responses from questionnaire re SEV policy

<b>Type of respondent</b>	<b>Reply No.</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
Not specified	1	There is way too much sexual exposure to younger age groups.	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues.
Not specified	1	Water with dirt in it is no longer clean water - even if some people don't mind murky water.	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues.
Not specified	2	I see no problem with it	This is a general comment in favour of sexual entertainment venues.
Not specified	2	This isn't a social blight. The status quo is favourable. I appreciate the balance between individual freedoms and to guard against exploitation - I do not feel this should be greatly altered.	This is a general comment.
Not specified	4	There are too many controls in this country.	This is a general comment.
Not specified	5	Need to ensure that people who do not want to do so are not forced to be exposed to the venues	This could be dealt with by controls on the external advertising of SEVs.
Not specified	6	When located where there are large numbers of pedestrians passing through they are inappropriate due to young easily influenced teenagers and children	This comment relates to the location of premises, but is expressed generally so as to make it difficult to address easily.
Not specified	7	Regulating this activity gives it a degree of legitimacy within our society. Ideally I would like to see this banned as an unacceptable activity in a civilised society: we should be encouraging these women into more fulfilling employment. However as a second best, I think that this industry should be so tightly regulated that it becomes difficult for it to operate.	This comment appears to be in favour of a policy that limits the number of premises to zero, or otherwise a very restrictive policy. The purpose of the policy

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			is not to make a moral judgement on SEVs, but to ensure that any such premises are suitably located and properly run.
Not specified	8	I consider this an opportunity for LCC to lead the way in allowing people to work in this industry in a safe fashion.	Noted
Not specified	17	I find the club Panache out of place in the cultural quarter. The customers often drop litter and obstruct the entry to the apartment block I live in. The building is too close to where a large number of children visit. The colour of the building is offensive. The club brings late night roudy drunks to the area. They also seem to host underage discos there which beggers belief.	This comment relates to a specific premises that is already operating, rather than to the overall policy for Leicester.
Not specified	19	dont believe they have a place in today's society	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues.
Not specified	19	should not be visible but if they must exist must also have high safety for women working in that industry. Members of the public should not just come across these premises as they go about daily and nightly life.	This comment relates partly to the location of premises, but is expressed generally so as to make it difficult to address easily. It is proposed that the standard conditions imposed on SEVs will include matters on the welfare of the performers.
Not specified	19	Would like these premises banned.	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues.
Not specified	24	I favour a common snese, light regulatory touch. There are enough laws already to control unacceptable behaviour - the rights of people who	Noted

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		perform in and attend these premises should be respected as much as the religious, conservative bigotry of the NIMBY-ists	
Not specified	24	We shouldn't be prudish about these establishments they are no better or worse than other entertainment venues	This is a general comment.
Not specified	27	These venues lower the tone and feel of any area and should thus be kept away from areas where established shopping areas, entertainment venues and housing exist.	This comment concerns the location of SEVs, which is addressed in the proposed policy. Any application will be considered on its merits.
Not specified	28	If a place is to be licensed will it be inspected regularly to ensure that all is above board eg taxes being paid by all concerned and that any "slave" type business is not in existence.	Enforcement will be an important part of the licensing process, and will be undertaken by Licensing Enforcement Officers and the Police.
Not specified	28	Judging on merit! no way it must be decided by a vote in the area.Fixed distance is not so important as say to the vicinity.	All applications will be considered on their merits, in light of the SEV policy. Any decision to grant will be made by members of the Licensing Committee.
Not specified	28	Many public houses could apply eg. a small bar say on the Hinckley Rd. highly undesirable.	This is factually correct. However, the proposed policy contains a limit on the total number of fully licensed SEVs in the city. Regardless of the council's policy, the legislation allows certain activities to take place in unlicensed premises.

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			(Eg, once a month for less than 24 hours at a time).
Not specified	28	Unless away from the general public, taxes paid by performers the whole thing generally is disliked by me.It should not be seen to raise council income	The licensing process is intended to be cost neutral to the council.
Not specified	35	They are horrible wherever they are	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues.
Not specified	38	As the parent of a 15 yr old who frequently attends events and venues within the city centre and Braunstone gate area, I strongly feel that the city council should be using this Licensing policy to ensure that young people are not able to access such venues or be in the vicinity of the people who are accessing them.	Access to SEVs will be restricted to people aged over 18. Proof of age will be required in the same way as for purchases of age restricted products such as alcohol, cigarettes, knives, etc.
Not specified	41	Is there a need for these venues at all? Has market research been done or is it driven by the business side alone rather than a general request from customers?	Individual operators must decide whether or not there is a viable business case for these premises. If there is no demand, the businesses will fail.
Not specified	45	Damn individual merits - there are none - put in a blanket ban and stick to it	This comment appears to be in favour of a policy that limits the number of premises to zero, or otherwise a very restrictive policy. The purpose of the policy is not to make a moral judgement on SEVs, but to ensure that any such premises are suitably located and properly

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Not specified	45	I approve of any plans to control venues offering such services, but would much more prefer that LCC took a firm stance and rejected all proposals.	This comment appears to be in favour of a policy that limits the number of premises to zero, or otherwise a very restrictive policy. The purpose of the policy is not to make a moral judgement on SEVs, but to ensure that any such premises are suitably located and properly run.
Not specified	45	I would appreciate a total ban on 'sexual entertainment' at all times	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues. The purpose of the policy is not to make a moral judgement on SEVs, but to ensure that any such premises are suitably located and properly run.
Not specified	45	No such venues should be permitted within the City as they are not 'entertainment' in the proper sense. Their existence is unacceptable.	This is a general comment against sexual entertainment venues. The purpose of the policy is not to make a moral judgement on SEVs, but to ensure that any such premises are suitably located and properly run.
Not specified	46	Nothing wrong with them as it all happens indoors and strictly over 18s	This is a general comment in

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			favour of SEVs.
Not specified	46	You should be sensible and lenient because at the end of the day its a business, providing entertainment for people who like this kind of stuff. Its not a brothel	This is a general comment in favour of SEVs.
Not specified	48	Should have sufficient parking if out of the city centre	The need for parking is a planning issue, rather than licensing.
Not specified	51	In some respects, industrial estates would be the best option, disturbing fewest people and being places that only those who make a purposeful journey would come across the establishments. My only concern would be the safety of people who work in the clubs, leaving late at night in deserted industrial estates	These comments are noted. There is an argument for safety being improved by siting any premises (SEV or otherwise) where there is passing foot and vehicular traffic.
Councillor	56	Like sex shops, should be on a case by case basis	This is accepted.
Not specified	58	I understand that licensing can give some protection to the women who work within them but this has to be balanced against the potential harm to other women and the possible lure to the vulnerable who may see working in the sex industry as socially acceptable.	Officers are not aware of firm evidence that SEVs cause harm to other women, although we appreciate that this is a common concern. As the comment says, some protection can be afforded through the licensing process in terms of suitable locations and safeguards.
Operator	60	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please avoid duplication of the legal process</li> <li>2. It is a fact that well run lap dancing venues actually help to reduce levels of crime and disorder in their vicinity</li> <li>3. Standard conditions should be relevant, enforceable and clear</li> <li>4. Conditions should include membership of professional bodies ie, Lap</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> <li>2. The evidence for this has not been provided, but is not disputed.</li> <li>3. Agreed.</li> </ol>

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		Dancing Association, which was introduced to raise standards within the industry. Also promotion of Best Bar None awards	4. Noted
Operator	60	Well run professional lap dancing venues are very much part of city centre night time economy	This is a general comment in favour of SEVs.
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Not specified	68	It is wise to licence and restrict any performance activity associated with leisure, and just for health and safety reasons. But where do you draw the line? Leicester cannot be a sole centre, as it would become a target. It can only be active in association with other authorities. The same obviously would apply to locally licensed brothels!	The opportunity to control SEVs is open to all licensing authorities. By introducing a licensing policy Leicester will have more control than in other authority areas where SEVs remain unrestricted.
Not specified	73	I find it amazing that the City Council has enough money to do this survey. Everybody keeps hearing about the cuts and yet this consultation is considered important	The licensing authority had to decide whether or not to adopt the relevant legislation before April 2011. Leicester City Council felt this issue was significant enough to seek the views of interested parties. If we had left it beyond this date then consultation would have been forced upon us.
Not specified	73	I think the idea of sexual entertainment venues are totally wrong. Youngsters will get into these set-ups whatever you say or do. Nowhere is very safe now and this will just make it more dangerous	This is a general comment against SEVs.

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Not specified	73	I think the whole concept of premises for sexual entertainment is wrong	This is a general comment against SEVs. The morality of these venues is not part of the council's considerations.
Not specified	73	I think this sort of entertainment should not be allowed at all. It would rapidly lead to prostitution	This is a general comment against SEVs. The morality of these venues is not part of the council's considerations.
Not specified	75	I think paragraph 4 in the Introduction is important, relating to conditions. I don't think shopping centres are suitable as large stores are open late and customers would not like sexual entertainment venues open when they are using the stores. However a lot depends on the entrance to the building and the conduct of the people attending	This comment concerns the location of SEVs, which is addressed in the proposed policy. Any application will be considered on its merits.
Not specified	76	Because in my personal opinion a lot of unsavoury characters use these venues	This is a general comment against SEVs.
Not specified	76	I came through Leicester town at 1am on Sat evening from my son's graduation party, passing through the town i saw a club with 2 half undressed girls, it was disgusting, what is our society coming to, i feel there is no desentcy with sights like this on our streets, what is it learning our youths	This is a comment against SEVs in general and one club in particular. The morality of these venues is not part of the council's considerations.