

Tendring District Council



SEX ESTABLISHMENT POLICY

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments (including Sex Shops, Sexual Entertainment Venues and Sex Cinemas)

This policy sets out the Council's approach to regulating sex establishments and the procedures it will adopt in relation to applications for sex establishment licences. The policy is intended as a guide to applicants, licence holders, objectors and members of the licensing committee and provides information on what the Council expects to see in relation to an application.

The advice and guidance contained in the appendices attached to the policy are intended only to assist applicants and other parties and should not be interpreted as legal advice. All parties are advised to seek their own legal advice if they are unsure of any of the requirements of the legislation in so far as they relate to the licensing of sexual entertainment venues. It should be noted that the Council, as Licensing Authority, is required to implement the licensing regime in accordance with the law.

Tendring District Council
Licensing Authority
Town Hall
Station Road
Clacton on Sea
Essex CO15 1SE

Email: licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009**

SEX ESTABLISHMENTS POLICY

1. Introduction

This policy provides Tendring District Council's approach to the regulation of sex establishments as set out in the 1982 Act and gives guidance to the Licensing Authority when considering and making decisions on applications.

Each application will be determined on its individual merits and this policy should not be regarded or interpreted as an indication that any requirement of the relevant law may be overridden.

The Council may depart from this policy if, in the interests of the promotion of the objectives, the individual circumstances of any case merit such a decision. Full reasons will be given for departing from the policy.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended, (The Act) introduced a licensing regime to control Sex Establishments. Tendring District Council has adopted Schedule 3 of the Act. This means that the Council can control and regulate the operation of certain kinds of Sex Establishment within its District. No Sex Establishment can operate unless it has obtained a licence from the Council. Any such licence will contain conditions that will restrict how that premises may trade.

The Policing and Crime Act 2009 amended the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, in so far as it related to the licensing of sex establishments, by adding the new category of "sexual entertainment venue".

In carrying out our licensing functions, Tendring District Council will have regard to the following:

- The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
- Any supporting regulations
- Guidance issued by Central Government
- This statement of licensing policy Tendring District Council must also fulfil its obligations under S.17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to do all that can be reasonably done to prevent crime and disorder in Tendring.

The Policy should be read in conjunction with, and without prejudice to, other existing national, including the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010, The Provision of Services Regulations 2009, and the Regulators' Code 2014 (as set out under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006).

The Equality Act 2010 places a legal obligation on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimization; to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between persons with different protected characteristics.

In carrying out our licensing functions we will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate refuse service on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation or display discriminatory signs.

2. Definition of 'Sex Establishment'

A 'sex establishment' is defined under the Act as a 'sex shop', a 'sex cinema' or a 'sexual entertainment venue'.

Sexual Entertainment Venue

A Sexual entertainment venue is defined as:

'any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer.'

In deciding whether entertainment is "relevant entertainment" We will judge each case on its' individual merits, however we would expect that the following forms of entertainment as they are commonly understood will be "relevant entertainment":

- Lap dancing
- Pole dancing
- Table dancing
- Strip shows
- Peep shows
- Live sex shows
- Topless Bars
- Premises where private entertainment booths are present

This list is not exhaustive and as the understanding of the exact nature of these descriptions may vary, should be treated as indicative only. Ultimately, decisions as to whether entertainment is "relevant entertainment" will depend on the content of the entertainment and not the name it is given.

Sex shops and sex cinemas

Sex Establishment Licences are required for "sex cinemas" and "sex shops".

A "Sex shop" is defined as any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall that is used for a business which consists to a "significant degree" of selling, hiring, exchanging, lending, displaying or demonstrating:

sex articles; or
other things intended for use in connection with, or for the purpose of
stimulating or encouraging:

- i) sexual activity
- ii) acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity

The phrase "sex articles" is defined in the 1982 Act, but the phrase "a significant degree" is not. When considering whether or not a business is selling a significant degree of sex articles and needs a licence, we will consider:

- the ratio of sex articles to other aspects of the business
- the absolute quantity of sales
- the character of the remainder of the business
- the nature of the displays in the business
- turnover
- other factors which appear to be materially relevant

A “sex cinema” is defined as any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall used to a significant degree for the exhibition of moving pictures, by whatever means produced, which are concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deal with or relate to, or are intended to stimulate or encourage:

- i) sexual activity,
- ii) acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity; or are concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deal with or relate to, genital organs or urinary or excretory functions

3. Current Premises

The District currently has one licensed sex shop and no sex cinemas or sexual entertainment venues.

4. Location of Premises

The Council has a discretion to refuse to grant or renew licences for sex establishments on the grounds that the licence would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the locality or the use of premises in the vicinity. Without prejudice to other elements of the policy, and whilst treating each new application on its own merits, the Council's policy is ordinarily to refuse licences on these grounds for premises that are in close proximity to;

- (a) residential accommodation;
- (b) schools, nurseries and other premises used by children and vulnerable persons;
- (c) parks or other recreational areas used by children and other vulnerable persons;
- (d) religious centres and places of religious worship;
- (e) youth, community and leisure centres;
- (f) access routes to and from premises listed above;
- (g) historic buildings or visitor attractions;
- (h) an area designated either as an area under regeneration, or due to be regenerated.

In addition, we will consider public safety issues when determining whether an area is appropriate; for example, areas that attract a high percentage of female, elderly or young users may be considered to be inappropriate.

The Council, in considering whether the discretionary grounds for refusal apply and whether the licence should be refused on such grounds, will take into account the following, where it is relevant to do so:

- (a) the type of activity, the duration of the licence and the proposed hours of operation;
- (b) the layout and condition of the premises;
- (c) any cumulative and adverse impact of existing sexually related licensable activities in the same locality as the proposed premises;
- (d) crime and disorder issues;
- (e) any evidence relating to actual or likely noise or disturbance caused by the premises;
- (f) the character of the locality;
- (g) the use of other premises in the vicinity.

5. Fitness of the Applicant

The Council, in considering whether the applicant or applicants are fit and proper to hold a licence will take into account the following, where it is relevant to do so:

- (a) the operation of existing or previous licences held by the applicant, including their track record of compliance;
- (b) their experience and knowledge of the type of sex establishment they are applying to run;
- (c) their ability to comply with the licensing requirements and minimise the impact of the business on local residents and businesses;
- (d) any reports concerning the applicant received from the Police or any other source;
- (e) the honesty of the applicant(s);
- (f) whether the applicant(s) intend to operate the premises or employ other people to do so;
- (g) whether the management proposed will deliver compliance with operating conditions through managerial competence; presence; a credible management structure including individuals experienced in running premises of this nature; enforcement of rules internally through training, monitoring and the publication of rates for performers and customers; a viable business plan;
- (h) whether management can be relied upon to act in the best interests of the performers;
- (i) whether there is a written welfare policy for performers and how this is to be enforced;
- (j) what system is in place to ensure that performers are adults and entitled to live and work in the UK;
- (k) whether management can be relied upon to protect the public by, for example, transparent charging and freedom from solicitation.

6. Applications

An application for the grant, renewal, transfer or variation of a licence must be made in writing using the prescribed forms by the Council.

An application can be served on the Council as follows:

- By post – Licensing Team, Tendring District Council, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 1SE;
- By Email – licensingsection@tendringdc.gov.uk

The Council encourages applicants to serve their applications and other notices electronically. In line with the Provision of Service Regulations 2009, where an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence is submitted electronically, the Council will send a copy of the application to the Chief Officer of Police once received. In all other cases, it will still be the responsibility of the applicant to serve a copy to the Police.

The Council expects that any premises for which a licence is required should have either planning consent or lawful use under planning legislation for the intended use and hours of operation. The Council will not treat licensing applications as a re-run of a planning application however, and it will not seek to impose licensing conditions which duplicate conditions that have been imposed on a planning consent.

7. Fees

The licence fees for all sex establishments including sexual entertainment venues have been reviewed and set at a level that is reasonable and proportionate to the effective cost of processing the application and making compliance checks throughout the period of the licence.

The application process involves paying a non-returnable application fee. The fees will be reviewed by the Council and the current schedule of fees is available on the Tendring District Council website. No further fees will be applied by the Council in the event that objections are received to an application and a hearing is required to determine the application.

The authority must be aware of case law, of which the Court of Appeal case of R (Hemming (t/a Simply Pleasure Ltd) and others) v Westminster City Council [2013] EWCA Civ 591; [2013] WLR (D) 203 is especially relevant.

8. Advice and Guidance

The Council will seek to liaise with applicants and, wherever possible and necessary, mediate between applicants and objectors in order to achieve a satisfactory outcome for all stakeholders. Applicants are advised to discuss their proposals with the Council and any interested parties prior to an application being made.

9. Grant, renewal, or transfer of licence

The Council may grant to any applicant and renew a licence for the use of any premises as a 'sex establishment' on such terms and conditions as specified by the Council which are shown in the Appendix of this policy document.

A licence once granted will usually remain in force for 12 months but can be issued for a shorter period if deemed appropriate. In order to continue operating as a sex establishment the licence holder must make a renewal application to the Council at least 28 days prior to the expiry of the existing licence.

An application to transfer a licence to any other person may be made.

Where an application for renewal or transfer of a licence is made at least 28 days before the expiry of the existing licence, the licence shall remain in force until such time as the application has been determined.

10. Objections

Anyone wishing to object to an application must do so in writing within 28 days of the application being made to the Council's Licensing Authority.

A person making a representation must state their full name and address and their grounds for objecting to the application and indicate whether or not they consent to have their name and address revealed to the applicant. The Council will not consider objections that are frivolous, vexatious or relate to moral grounds. Moral objections cannot be made under the terms of the Act.

Where written objections are made the Council will provide copies to the applicant.

11. Determining Applications

In determining an application relating to a Sex Establishment licence it may be necessary for the application to be heard by the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee of the Council who will assess the application on its merits having regard to the content of this policy, the relevant legislation and any relevant guidance that may be issued from time to time.

When determining applications, the Council will take account of any written objections, comments or observations made by the Chief Officer of Police and any objections made by other persons or interested parties such as statutory agencies or authorities.

When considering applications, the Council will have regard to: (a) the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (b) the Human Rights Act 1998 (c) the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 (d) Section 19 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (e) the Equality Act 2010 (f) any supporting or accompanying regulations; (g) this Statement of Licensing Policy.

12. Conditions

No condition will be imposed by the Council that cannot be shown to be necessary, reasonable and proportionate to the application that has been submitted.

In the event that conditions are attached to the grant of a licence they will be adapted to the operating circumstances and requirements of the individual premises and may also take into account any objections, comments or observations received, particularly where they have been received from the Chief Officer of Police.

The Council will attach those conditions shown in the Appendix which are relevant to the activities granted to the sex establishment licence applied for. These conditions are not exhaustive however and further conditions may be attached on the advice of a responsible authority such as the Police for example, or may be attached by the Council's Miscellaneous Licensing Committee as they believe necessary, reasonable and proportionate at any licensing hearing that the Council has had to convene to consider relevant objections to an application submitted for a sex establishment licence.

13. Hearing Procedure

Where the Council is required to determine an application by reference to the Miscellaneous Licensing Committee, the applicant and objectors will be advised of the date, time and venue of the hearing.

In preparation for the hearing, all parties will receive a copy of the report prior to the hearing. The report will contain a summary of the application, representations and any other relevant information.

At the hearing, parties will have the opportunity to address the Committee and, if permitted by the Chairman of the Committee, ask questions of parties that they feel are relevant to the determination process.

APPENDIX A

Standard Conditions applicable to Licences for Sex Establishments

Notes

- (i) Except where the context demands otherwise the singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine.
- (ii) Nothing in these conditions shall be construed as interfering with
 - (i) the discretion of the licensee or his representative regarding the admission of any person or
 - (ii) the need to strictly comply with all relevant statutory requirements.
 - (iii) These conditions are divided as follows:
 - Part 1 General
 - Part 2 Conditions which apply to all premises
 - Part 3 Conditions which apply to sex shops
 - Part 4 Conditions which apply to sex cinemas
 - Part 5 Conditions which apply to sexual entertainment venues
- (iv) In these rules all references to the British Standard (BS) shall be deemed to refer to the current standard.
- (v) A premises licence may also be required for the operation of a sex cinema.

Part 1 General

1. In the event of a conflict between these conditions and any special conditions contained in a licence relating to a sex establishment the special conditions shall prevail.
2. The grant of a licence for a sex establishment shall not be deemed to convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, by law, order or regulation other than the Third Schedule of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

Part 2 Conditions which apply to all premises

Exhibition of Licence

1. The copy of the licence and these Regulations which are required to be exhibited in accordance with paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 shall be reproductions to the same scale as those issued by the Council. The copy of the licence required to be displayed as aforesaid shall be suitably framed and exhibited in a position that it can easily be seen by all persons using the premises. The copy of these Regulations shall be retained in a clean and legible condition.

Responsibility of Licensee

2. The licensee shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of the public and employees and, except with the consent of the Council, shall retain control over all areas of the premises.

3. The premises shall not be used for regulated entertainment, exhibition or display of any kind unless the Council's consent has been first obtained and any necessary licence granted.

Conduct and Management of the Premises

4. The licensee, or a responsible person over 18 years of age and nominated by him in writing for the purpose of managing the sex establishment in his absence, shall be in charge of and upon the premises during the whole time it is open to the public. Such written nomination shall be continuously available for inspection by an officer authorised in writing by the Council. The person in charge shall not be engaged on any duties which will prevent him from exercising general supervision and he shall be assisted as necessary by suitable adult persons to ensure adequate supervision. The person in charge shall be conversant with these rules, a copy of which shall be held on the premises.

5. The licensee, or the responsible person approved under Regulation 4, shall maintain a daily register to be kept on the premises in which he shall record the name and address of any person who is to be responsible for managing the sex establishment in his absence and the names and addresses of those employed in the sex establishment. The register to be completed each day of the sex establishment opening for business and is to be available for inspection by the Police and by authorised officers of the Council.

6. The Licensee shall ensure that, during the hours the sex establishment is open for business, every employee is easily identified as an employee.

7. A notice showing the name of the person responsible for the management of a sex establishment shall be prominently displayed within the sex establishment throughout the period during which he is responsible for its conduct.

8. Where the licensee is a body corporate or an unincorporated body any change of director, company secretary or other person responsible for the management of the body is to notified in writing to the Council within 14 days of such change and such written details as the Council may require in respect of any new director, secretary or manager are to be furnished within 14 days of a request in writing from the Council.

9. The licensee shall ensure that no part of the premises is used by prostitutes (male or female) for the purposes of soliciting or any other immoral purpose.

10. The licensee shall ensure that the public are not admitted to any part or parts of the premises other than those which have been approved by the Council.

11. Neither the licensee nor any employee or other person shall seek to obtain custom by means of personal solicitation outside or in the vicinity of the premises.

12. No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the premises or employed in the business of the sex establishment.

External Appearance

13. No display, advertisement, word, letter, model, sign, light, placard, board, notice, device, representation, drawing, writing or any other matter or thing (whether illuminated or not) shall be exhibited so as to be visible from outside the premises except;

(i) Any notice of a size and in a form approved by the Council which is required to be displayed so as to be visible from outside the premises by law, or by any condition of a licence granted by the Council.

(ii) Such display, advertisement, word, letter, model, sign, light, placard, board, notice, device, representation, drawing, writing, or any matter or thing as shall have been approved by the Council.

14. The entrances, windows and openings to the premises shall be of a material or covered with a material which will render the interior of the premises invisible to passers-by.

State, Condition and layout of the premises

15. The premises shall be maintained in good repair and condition.

16. The number, size and position of the doors or openings provided for the purposes of the ingress and egress of the public shall be to the satisfaction of the Council and shall comply with the following requirements :-

(i) All such doors or openings approved by the Council shall be clearly indicated on the inside by the word "exit".

(ii) Doors and opening other than exits which lead to parts of the premises to which the public are not permitted to have access shall have notices placed over them marked "private".

(iii) No access shall be permitted through the premises to any other premises adjoining or adjacent except in the case of emergency.

17. The external doors to the premises shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order. The external door shall only be opened at such times as person(s) require access and egress to the interior of the premises.

18. The licensee shall make provision in the means of access both to and within the premises for the needs of members of the public visiting the premises who are disabled.

19. Alterations or additions either internal or external and whether permanent or temporary to the structure, lighting or layout of the premises shall not be made except with the prior approval of the Council.

20. All parts of the premises shall be kept in a clean and wholesome condition to the satisfaction of the Council.

Maintenance of the means of Escape

21. The means of escape provided for all persons on the premises shall be maintained unobstructed, immediately available and clearly identifiable in accordance with the approved arrangements.

22. All fire resisting and smoke stop doors shall be maintained, self closing and shall not be secured open.

Fire Appliances

23.The premises shall be provided with fire appliances suitable to the fire risks on the premises, and such fire appliances shall be maintained in proper working order and shall be available for instant use.

24.The licensee shall comply with any fire precautions and safety measures that may be required of him by the Fire Authority.

25.Portable fire appliances shall be examined at least once a year and periodically tested in accordance with the current British Standard by a competent person and the date of such test shall be clearly marked on the appropriate extinguishers or on stout tabs securely attached to them. Extinguishers which incorporate an anti-freeze agent shall be examined and recharged in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Lighting

26.The licensee or any other person concerned in the conduct or management of the licensed sex establishment shall, in the absence of adequate daylight, ensure that adequate lighting is maintained to the satisfaction of the Council in all parts of the premises to which the public and staff have access and is in operation continuously during the whole time the premises are open to the public.

27.The normal lighting levels and the lighting to 'EXIT' notices shall be maintained at all times and shall not in any circumstances be extinguished or dimmed while the public are on the premises provided that, so long as there is sufficient daylight in any part of the premises, artificial light need not be used in any part.

Electrical Installations

28.The electrical installation for the premises shall be maintained in a safe working condition, as prescribed in the current edition of the Regulations for electrical installations issued by the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

29.Unless the Council decides otherwise an inspection certificate, as prescribed in the current edition of the Regulations for electrical installations issued by the Institute of Electrical Engineers, for the electrical installation associated with the premises shall be submitted to the Council at least once every five years or such other time specified on the certificate. The certificate shall be signed by a qualified engineer.

Change of Use

30.No change of use of any portion of the premises from that approved by the Council shall be made until the consent of the Council and the Police has been obtained.

31.The Licensing Authority and Essex Police must be informed should the licensee seek to change the use of the establishment to another form of sex establishment.

Sale of goods

32.Neither sex articles nor other things intended for use in connection with, or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging sexual activity or acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity shall be displayed, sold, hired, exchanged, loaned or demonstrated in a sex cinema or a sexual entertainment venue.

Admission of Authorised Officers

33. Officers of the Council, Police, and other authorised agencies who are furnished with authorities which they will produce on request, shall be admitted immediately at all reasonable times and at any time the premises are open for business to all parts of the premises.

Part 3 Conditions which apply to Sex Shops

1. It is permitted to play music or words either via national or local radio stations or any pre-recorded means, but no material whatsoever of an adult theme or nature can be played or broadcast, whether by means of sound or moving picture.

Goods available in Sex Establishments

2. All sex articles and other things displayed for sale, hire, exchange or loan within a sex shop shall be clearly marked to show persons who are inside the sex shop the respective prices being charged.

3. All printed matter offered for sale, hire, exchange or loan shall be available for inspection prior to purchase, hire, exchange or loan and a notice to this effect is to be prominently displayed within the sex establishment.

4. No film or video film shall be exhibited, sold or supplied unless it has been passed by the British Board of Film Censors, and bears a certificate to that effect, or approved by the Council and is a reproduction authorised by the owner of the copyright of the film or video film so certified.

Part 4 Conditions which apply to Sex Cinemas

Exhibition of Films

1. 'Film exhibition' means film exhibitions as defined in the Cinemas Act 1985, i.e. any exhibition of moving pictures which is produced otherwise than by the simultaneous reception and exhibition of (a) television programmes, broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation or the Independent Broadcasting Authority or (b) programmes included in a cable programme service which is or does not require to be licensed under Section 4 of the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984.

2. No film shall be exhibited at the premises unless: (a) it is a current news reel; or (b) it has been passed by the British Board of Film Classification as a U, PG, 12, 15, 18, or RESTRICTED (18) film (c) it has been passed by the Council as a U, PG, 12, 15, 18, or RESTRICTED (18) film.

Restricted (18) films

3. Films in the RESTRICTED (18) category may be shown at the premises only with the Council's prior written consent and in accordance with the terms of any such consent.

"Persons under 18" Notice

4. No person appearing to be under the age of 18 shall be admitted to any part of the programme and the licensee shall display in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the premises a notice in clear letters in the following terms:

PERSONS UNDER 18 CANNOT BE ADMITTED TO THIS CINEMA FOR ANY PART OF THE PROGRAMME.

Advertisements

5. No advertisement displayed at the premises of a film to be exhibited at the premises shall depict as a scene or incident in the film any scene or incident which is not included in the film as certified by the British Board of Film Censors or the British Board of Film Classification or approved for exhibition by the licensing authority, as the case may be.

6. Where the licensing authority has given notice in writing to the licensee of the premises objecting to an advertisement on the ground that, if displayed, it would offend against good taste or decency or be likely to encourage or incite crime or lead to disorder or be offensive to public feeling, that advertisement shall not be displayed at the premises without the prior consent in writing of the licensing authority. Objection to exhibition of film

7. Where the licensing authority has given notice in writing to the licensee of the premises prohibiting the exhibition of a film on the ground that it contains material which, if exhibited, would offend against good taste or decency or would be likely to encourage or incite to crime or to lead to disorder or to be offensive to public feeling, that film shall not be exhibited in the premises except with the prior consent in writing of the licensing authority.

Sale of Sex Article

8. Neither sex articles nor other things intended for use in connection with, or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging sexual activity or acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity shall be displayed, sold, hired, exchanged, loaned or demonstrated in a 'sex cinema'

Part 5 Conditions which apply to Sexual Entertainment Venues Performances of Relevant Entertainment

1. The performance of relevant entertainment within the premises shall not be visible from any area outside of the premises at any time. Age Restrictions

2. A prominent clear notice shall be displayed at each entrance to the premises advising customers that no person under 18 will be admitted and they may be asked to produce evidence of their age.

3. Members of staff at the premises shall seek "credible photographic proof of evidence" from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 years and who is seeking access to the premises. Such credible evidence, which shall include a photograph of the customer, will either be a passport, photographic driving licence, or Proof of Age card carrying a "PASS" logo. Club Rules

4. The premises must provide a copy of its Club Rules to the Council and to Essex Police for consideration and approval.

5. All performers and staff shall be aware of the Club Rules.

6. All dancers, staff and door supervisors shall read a copy of the rules relating to operating relevant entertainment. They shall sign and date a copy which shall be retained by the premises as part of their due diligence.

Management Operation Manual

7. A management operation manual detailing all aspects of procedure when the premises are operating relevant entertainment shall be produced and approved by the Council. This document shall be reviewed annually and the manual as reviewed shall be submitted for approval of the Council together with the application for renewal of the licence.

Performers

8. Performers shall be aged not less than 18 years and the "Challenge 25" scheme will be used to manage this.

9. All performers shall be aware of the management operation manual.

10. A log book shall be maintained on the premises detailing the names and start and finish times of individual performers involved in all forms of adult entertainment.

11. At all times during the performance, performers shall have direct access to a dressing room without passing through, or in close proximity to, the audience.

12. On leaving the premises performers, who wish to be, shall be escorted by staff member to their vehicle or other safe location. Performances

13. Whilst dancers are performing in any public area there shall be a minimum distance of one metre maintained between the dancer and the seated customers. Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at each table stating this requirement.

14. There shall be no physical contact between customers and the dancers except for the placing of money or tokens in a garter or into the hands of the dancer at the beginning or conclusion of a performance. A "touch and go" policy will operate i.e. any person/customer touching dancers will be ejected from the premises and barred from those premises.

15. No performances shall include any sex act with any other performer, persons in the audience or with the use of any object.

16. No audience participation shall be permitted.

17. Signs displaying the rules on the performance of relevant entertainment will be displayed throughout the premises and be clearly visible to patrons. This will include any private individual booth area.

18. In the event of the relevant entertainment being performed for private viewing, the patron shall be informed of the duration and price of the relevant entertainment, and the details shall be specified in a clearly visible notice in each area designated for private relevant entertainment. Each such area shall be capable of being continually monitored by a member of staff.

19. No performer or member of staff shall sit on, straddle, stroke, fondle or make any form of sexual contact with a customer at any time.

Door Supervisors

20. One SIA registered door supervisor per 75 customers shall be on duty on the premises whilst relevant entertainment takes place plus there shall be at least one door

supervisor on each entrance in each separate part of the premises and on the door to the dressing room.

21. The door supervisors shall be on duty at the premises at all times when the premises provide relevant entertainment.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

22. A high quality CCTV system shall be installed to cover all entrances and exits to the premises and areas where relevant entertainment will take place, with the exception of the performers' changing area. This system must be installed and fully operational before the premises opens for the licensable activity applied for. All cameras shall continually record whilst the premises are open to the public and video recording shall be kept available for a minimum of 31 consecutive days with date and time stamping.

23. At the time of installation or upgrading of any CCTV system it shall comply with the current and relevant Police guidelines for Standard Minimum closed circuit television requirements. To obtain a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering the premises on the CCTV System, persons entering the premises should be asked to remove headwear, unless worn as part of religious observance.

24. A member of staff who is fully trained in the use of the system shall be on duty at all times when the premises are open until the premises are clear of customers, cleared of staff and closed. 26. Within 24 hours of a request made by Essex Police or the Licensing Authority, the premises will provide the CCTV footage requested.

Layout of premises

25. The approved activities shall take place only in the areas designated by the Licensing Authority.

26. All dance booths are to be equipped with a panic alarm for safety.

27. Arrangements shall be put in place to restrict access to the dressing room at all times when the relevant entertainment is taking place, and until such time as all performers have vacated it. The performers' dressing rooms will be off-limits to all non-employees.

28. The layout within the areas used by customers shall not undergo substantial change without the prior written consent of the Licensing Authority. Sale of goods

29. Neither sex articles nor other things intended for use in connection with, or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging sexual activity or acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity shall be displayed, sold, hired, exchanged, loaned or demonstrated in a 'Sexual Entertainment Venue'.

Door Policy

30. No entry to be permitted to any customer who is considered by the management or door staff to be incapable of controlled or acceptable behaviour, especially those who may be showing signs of having been intoxicated through alcohol or drugs.

31. The rules for the venue will be explained to all customers before entry is permitted.

32. One member of door staff will be present at the entrance to the venue at all times during opening hours.

33. Door staff will carry two-way radios at all times.

34. Dress code will be smart at all times; no sportswear will be permitted.

Operation of the Venue

35. A copy of the house customer rules will be on display at the entrance to the venue and in the bar area.

36. Waitresses/Waiters and bar staff must remain fully clothed at all times.

Customer and Performer Conduct

There should be published rules on customer conduct and performer conduct and the rules should contain as a minimum the following requirements, and the licensee shall ensure that the rules are enforced.

37. Any customer who is offensive either by language or action towards the performer will be ejected from the venue. They will also be barred from entry on any future occasion.

38. Strictly no photographing or videoing of performances or performers before, during or after the performance will be allowed. All customers' mobile phones will be switched off whilst on the premises. Anyone found breaching this condition will be ejected from the venue and barred from entry on any future occasion.

39. Any customer found in possession of drugs, attempting to consume drugs or selling drugs will be detained by the security staff and the Police will be called. They will also be barred from entry on any future occasion.

40. Throwing of money at performers will not be permitted before, during or after the performance, nor will the giving of any other gift. Anyone breaching this condition will be ejected from the venue and barred from entry on any future occasion.

41. Customers will not be allowed to pass on personal details such as business cards or telephone numbers to performers before, during or after a performance.

42. Payment must be made to the performer only and strictly in advance of the performance taking place.

Performer Conduct

43. No performer will be allowed to carry or use any sex toy, sex aid or other paraphernalia.

44. No performer will be allowed to wear bondage or sadomasochist clothing or paraphernalia. No accessories such as sex toys or aids are to be carried or used by the performers.

45. No handing out of cards, telephone numbers or personal contact information to customers or any other persons by performers.

46. Performers must not encourage customers to touch them in any way before, during or after a performance.

47. Performers found in possession, using or attempting to sell drugs or under the influence of drugs before, during or after a performance will be immediately dismissed and the Police notified.

48. Performers will instruct all customers to keep their hands by their sides at all times during a private dance.

49. Any approach by a customer to make personal contact with a performer must be immediately reported to the management or security.

50. Performers will not be permitted to enter any part of the venue other than the private dance area and dressing room areas while fully nude.