

The Scottish Government has introduced legislation giving Council's a discretionary power to licence Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) in their area. Perth and Kinross Council's Licencing Committee passed a resolution on 19 November 2020 to licence SEVs in Perth and Kinross. The powers to licence SEVs will come into force on 19 November 2021. Following consultation with interested groups which took place between 16 January 2020 and 6 April 2020, members of the public, local communities and balancing respective interests, the Council have accordingly determined that the appropriate number of SEV within the entirety of Perth and Kinross is zero. This is a rebuttable presumption. Each application will be determined in its own merits.

What is a Sexual Entertainment Venue?

A Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) is defined as any premises at which sexual entertainment is provided before a live audience, and the most common examples are lap dancing or strip clubs. However, the definition is sufficiently wide to cover other premises where sexual entertainment is provided. Premises where sexual entertainment is provided on no more than 4 occasions in a twelve-month period, are not to be treated as a Sexual Entertainment Venue e.g., premises that cater for the occasional stag or hen party.

Policy Statement Consultation

The Council is looking for views in respect of the formation of its Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) Licensing Policy Statement.

The Licensing Committee would particularly consider views which have regard to the following objectives: -

- Preventing public nuisance, crime and disorder
- Securing public safety
- Protecting children and young people from harm; and
- Reducing violence against women.

The Council would also welcome views in relation to the specific questions noted below.

Additional Questions:

1. The Council is able to include within its Policy a statement which specifies that SEVs should be a certain distance away from "Sensitive Premises" (list included at **Section 6.9** of Policy Statement).

The Council would welcome views on whether any other types of premises should be considered for inclusion on this list. Views would also be welcome in relation to how far SEVs should be from such premises. This Policy is currently drafted to make this 500m.

2. Following the initial consultation, Conditions for an SEV Licence were updated to include the suggestions provided. Is there any further Conditions that you think should be added to the current list (**see Annex G - Conditions**)

3. How long do you think a waiver should last? (excludes the requirement for a licence)
 - a. 3 months
 - b. 6 months
 - c. other

If you are providing a response, please send by email to civillicensing@pkc.gov.uk and provide your full name and or organisation name.

Please provide a response by 26 July 2021.

HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

The information provided by you will be used by Perth & Kinross Council in order to consider your response to this statutory consultation and to communicate with you about it as required.

It may also be shared with other third parties if we're required to do so by law.

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