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Thursday, 19 August 2010

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 11th August 2010 regarding the consultation process for Reading Borough Council's forthcoming Sex Encounter Venue Policy.

Having read your proposed policy, it would appear that premises of this nature would be subject to current Fire Safety Legislation.

Prospective owners, occupiers and employers at such establishments should have a clear understanding of their responsibilities and obligations under the:

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. (RRO)

Under the "Order", the responsible person is required to ensure a Fire Risk Assessment is undertaken by a competent person and that the findings of the Fire Risk Assessment are acted upon.

I feel it only prudent that person/persons applying for a Sex Establishment Licence are advised of their obligations under the current legislation and this is included in your policy.

I further feel that premises applying for Licence should have demonstrated a satisfactory level of compliance to the Licensing Authority, with regard to the Order, before the Licence is granted.

Appendix III**Champeau, Jean**

From: XTickner, Bet
 Sent: 08 September 2010 15:21
 To: French, Richard; Champeau, Jean; Page, Tony (Councillor)
 Subject: RE: Consultation for adoption of Sex Encounter Venue Policy

Dear Richard, Jean

I've read the Sex Encounter Venue Policy. Seems fine, but I did wonder whether in para 8.2 (i) you might include in considerations

*Public safety

*prevention of Public Buisance as well as Crime and Disorder

My thinking is that when we considering the application for an inaprtly named "Gentleman's Club" on Castle st, several of the women who worked at a nearby real estate company said they would not want to walk past an establishment like these late at night if men were congregating outside, and I can understand why.

*Cllr Bet Tickner
 Labour Cllr Abbey Ward*

Subject: Consultation for adoption of Sex Encounter Venue Policy
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Dear All

Please find attached a letter in respect of a **consultation exercise** for the adoption of Sex Encounter Venue policy, terms and conditions. There are links to more information on the RBC website and details of where to send any views/comments.

Can I draw to your attention that the closing date for this is: **26th September 2010.**

<<consultation letter august 2010.doc>>

Kind Regards
 Richard French
 Licensing

Appendix IV

Champeau, Jean

From: The Jazz Club [mailto:thejazzclub.co.uk]
Sent: 10 September 2010 14:52
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: Regulation of Sexual Entertainment Venues Feed Back

Dear Mr Champeau

With regards to the following documents I would like to highlight the following.

Conditions of licence relating to the provision of lap dancing, table side dancing etc

Point 11 This clause goes a bit far by putting the notice on each table, I agree a sign on the way in is appropriate to be displayed on nights that there is table side dancing, and if the club has a policy of stating this rule to all patrons on entry. One on each table is probably overkill ?

Sex Establishment Policy

Clause 4 Duration of licences

These should be longer with a yearly review, if an operator has some perceived long term longevity if he trades without any issues, he is more likely to reinvest in the business which gives the clients a better place to visit.

Schedule A Regulations for sex establishments

2. On a Friday and Saturday if demand exists establishments should be able to open until 06.00 am on a Friday and Saturday as we intend to start serving breakfast at 5am.

3 The licensed premises shall not be used for any purpose other than the business of a sexual entertainment venue.

This clause should be revised so if a venue is closed on particular night's days or times it is available for hire as a normal venue, if there is no nudity taking place.

This scenario could exist if a venue is regularly closed on a Sunday or Monday for example and wants to hire it out for a private party.

Or if it wants to rent it out during the day for pole dancing classes, lessons for dancers or hen parties.

Or if it pitches itself as a cabaret club like us and has a variety of events including on some nights no partial or full nudity.

7 This should be revised so DVD music videos can be played that has no form of nudity as well as ofcom approved broadcasters.

9 The notice in particular the name of the licence holder should not be mandatory to protect the person's right to hold the licence without being hassled by any third party ..The sign stating Licensed Sexual Establishment should be displayed.

10 This clause should only be in force when the business is operating as a sex establishment venue, and not be in force if it is holding a private function when it would not be regularly open.

14 This should be revised so it does not include an entrance or lobby into the establishment.

These are just my views where I think the above papers fall down in respect to this type of establishment.

We are pitching ourselves as a cabaret club aimed at professional people, with a very smart dress code hosting a variety of entertainments and events, so there should be some flexibility in the above.

I hope this information and other feedback you receive helps in finalising the above policies.

Regards

Jan Ratip