

**Southampton City Council
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, section 2 and schedule 3**

Consultation regarding the adoption of provisions controlling sexual entertainment venues

Southampton City Council intends to consider whether or not it should adopt the amended provisions of schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 insofar as they relate to the licensing of sexual entertainment venues.

The legislation defines a sexual entertainment venue as being:

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

“Relevant entertainment” is any live performance or any live display of nudity which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (whether by verbal or other means).

The following are *not* sexual entertainment venues for the purposes of the legislation:

- (a) sex cinemas and sex shops;
- (b) premises at which the provision of relevant entertainment has not taken place:
 - on more than eleven occasions in the past 12 months; and
 - on such occasions has not lasted for more than 24 hours; and
 - on such occasions has not begun within the period of one month beginning with the end of any previous occasion

Anyone who wishes to comment on whether the Council should adopt the provisions should put their comments in writing, before 20th December 2011, giving their name and address, to:
licensing.policy@southampton.gov.uk

or by post to:

The Licensing Team
Southampton City Council
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Southampton
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Please note that all comments will be treated as being in the public domain and may be published as part of the decision making process.

For further information please see www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations

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