

7. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENSING

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services advising of changes to legislation enabling the council as licensing authority to introduce a licensing scheme for sexual entertainment venues (SEV's) and to ask the Council Executive to consider undertaking a consultation regarding the licensing of SEV's in West Lothian.

It was recommended that the Council Executive notes the new legislative power for the council as Licensing Authority to introduce a licensing scheme for SEV's and that the Council Executive should consider undertaking a consultation and evidence gathering process to establish views on the following :-

1. Whether SEV's in West Lothian should be licensed;
2. If licensed, what the appropriate number of SEV's for West Lothian should be; and
3. If licensed what should be included in a SEV policy statement

Decision

1. To note the new legislative power for the council as Licensing Authority to introduce a licensing scheme for SEV's; and
2. To agree that a consultation exercise should be undertaken by officers to establish a variety of views on the introduction of such legislation.