

## Scottish Highlands SEV Consultation

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### Background

Currently Scottish strip clubs in most councils are licensed like any other normal leisure venue! This council is consulting on whether to adopt 'SEV' legislation (Sexual Entertainment Venue licensing). This supposedly means venues are better regulated (although in reality this is rarely the case).

Most importantly, it is *only* by adopting SEV legislation that councils can **Limit the number of strip clubs**, including introducing a policy that **NONE** are appropriate anywhere in the borough (a 'zero policy').

Even more importantly, it is **ONLY** by adopting SEV legislation that Councils can **EASILY shut existing clubs** or say no to any new ones (on the grounds of 'inappropriate location'). Again, most councils seem totally ignorant of this fact, but at least if they have adopted the legislation the law can be continually pointed out to them.

### How to Answer the Questions

The questions in the consult are not clearly written (surely a basic pre-requisite). This is what we think the council means and the answers to give if you do not want strip clubs in the your local high street or elsewhere:

Qu 1. YES

Qu 2. Negative

Qu 3. Positive

(we THINK they mean 'would it be a positive thing for those in the club if SEV legislation were adopted?')

Qu 4. Positive (as above)

Qu 5. 'Highly Incompatible' To All

ie SEVs should NOT be allowed to open near any of these locations

Qu 6. NONE

Qu 7. ALL

Qu 8. YES

Qu 9. YES to all

QU 10. Further Comments

This form was confusing to fill in – particularly question 1, 3 and 4.

To be clear, I DO want you to introduce an SEV Policy and for this to be a ZERO policy, clearly stating no strip clubs are appropriate anywhere.

*Add more as you wish ...*