

EQIA Stage One: Initial Screening Assessment Form

This should be used once it has been decided that a specific strategy, policy or project requires an initial screening.

Name of strategy, project, policy: **Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Policy**

Department: **DES**

Officer/s completing assessment: **Jon Averns, EH&PP Director**

The strategy, policy or project		
1.	What is the main purpose of the policy?	To enable the City of London Corporation to have a clear policy in relation to the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues in its area.
2.	Is the policy affected by external drivers for change?	Yes
3.	List the main activities of the policy?	Mandatory grounds for refusal, discretionary grounds for refusal, licence conditions, waiver conditions, fees, application form, site notice and newspaper advertisement and standard conditions for licences.
4.	Who implements the policy?	The Licensing Committee and the Department of Environmental Services.
5.	Who will be affected by the policy?	SEVs, residents, workers and visitors to the City.
6.	What outcome do you want to achieve, why and for whom?	A policy that sets out the City's approach to Licensing SEVs that is clear to residents, workers and other public authorities, ensures a transparent and consistent approach; that gives guidance and focus to the Licensing Committee in determining applications.
7.	Are any other organisations involved?	No
8.	Are there any existing assessments or inspections?	Inspections are undertaken at the one current SEV in the City.
9.	Who have you consulted on the policy?	6,124 residential households; 3,800 business/workers that are on the City's consultation list; 841 face-to-face on street interviews with residents and workers in the City.
10.	Who are the main beneficiaries of the policy?	Residents, workers, visitors, City of London Corporation and SEVs.

The Impact:	Tick the boxes which apply for each ‘target group’					
Equality Target Group	Positive Impact		Neutral Impact	Negative Impact		Reason/Comment
	High	Low		High	Low	
Gender						
Women		√				The policy protects women living or working in or visiting the vicinity of SEVs by diminishing the impact which SEVs are permitted to have on their surroundings, e.g. through controlling external appearance, advertising and solicitation.
Men			√			
Transgender			√			
Race						
Asian – Asian Bangladeshi; Asian British; Asian Indian; Asian Pakistani; Asian Other			√			
Black – Black African; Black British; Black Caribbean; Black Other			√			
Chinese			√			
Irish			√			
Mixed – Asian & White; Black & White; Mixed Other			√			

The Impact:	Tick the boxes which apply for each ‘target group’					
Equality Target Group	Positive Impact		Neutral Impact	Negative Impact		Reason/Comment
	High	Low		High	Low	
White – White British; White European Union; White Other			√			
Disabled people		√				All parts of the premises which are open to the public shall be accessible to disabled people save for WC facilities where there are separate WC facilities specially designated for use by disabled people.
Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals			√			
Older people			√			
Younger people and children		√				The policy states that a licence will not normally be granted where a school, family leisure premises or youth facilities are in the vicinity of a proposed SEV.
Faith groups		√				The policy states that a licence will not normally be granted where there is any place of worship within the vicinity of a proposed SEV.
Minority faiths		√				The policy states that a

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						licence will not normally be granted where there is any place of worship within the vicinity of a proposed SEV.
Those of no faith			√			

Further Action	
Does the policy have a negative impact on any of the equality target groups? If so, you will need to proceed to Stage 2	No
Is the negative impact assessed as being of high significance? If so, you will need to proceed to Stage 2	No
Is progression to Stage 2: Full Assessment required?	Yes_____ No √

Signed (Completing Officer):

Jon Aron

Date: 16 March 2011

Signed (Departmental Equality Champion):

Margaret Jackson

Date: 17 March 2011

Actions Arising from Initial Screening

Issue	Action Required	Lead Officer	Timescale	Resource Implications	Comments