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Dear Madam

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH LICENSING BOARD

PROVISION OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT IN LICENSED PREMISES

PROPOSED POLICY ON DANCE ENTERTAINMENT

On 24 July 2006, the Licensing Board considered a request from the City of Edinburgh Council to explore options available to regulate or improve standards in relation to adult entertainment in advance of the new legislative provision, currently planned for 2008/09, to include consideration of a voluntary code of practice.

The Board, after discussion, agreed to circulate to affected members of the trade a draft policy on dance entertainment which, if adopted after consultation, would form the basis of the Board's expectations from licence holders in the future.

I attach a copy of the draft policy and would invite you to let me have your views by 30 September 2006. It is the Board's intention that the subject will thereafter be discussed by the City of Edinburgh Licensing Forum and by the Board itself again at their statutory meeting in October 2006.

In considering the document, you may wish to consider also the Report and Recommendations of the Adult Entertainment Working Group which was published by the Scottish Executive in April 2006 and is available on the Scottish Executive Website (www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2006).

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I should also mention that discussions have taken place with Members and Officers of the City of Glasgow Licensing Board and Council. Since March 2005 there has been in force in Glasgow a policy set out in a “Code of Practice Relevant to the Provision of Dance Entertainment in Licensed Premises”. It is understood that this policy has assisted in promoting best practice and Edinburgh believes that there is a benefit in seeking to establish a national consensus on an acceptable level of regulation prior to the formal consultation on mandatory national conditions which will take place prior to 2009.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Section on 0131 529 4527.

Yours faithfully

Depute Clerk of the Licensing Board