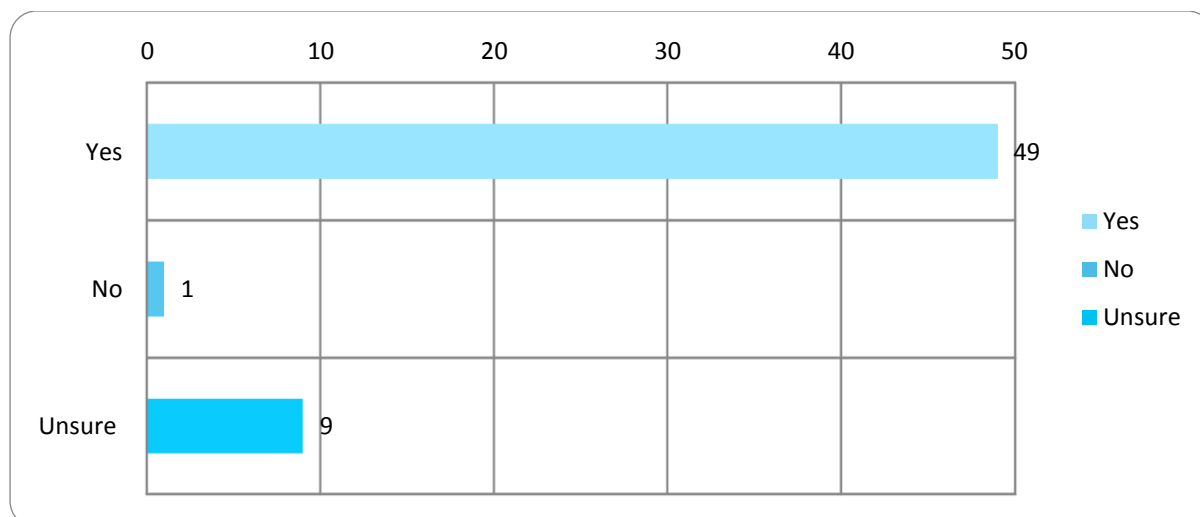


### Appendix 3: Consultation Response Analysis

**Do you think it is appropriate for the Council to have a Statement of Sex Establishment Licensing Policy to reflect the needs of the Borough and dictate the requirements for any licensed operations?**

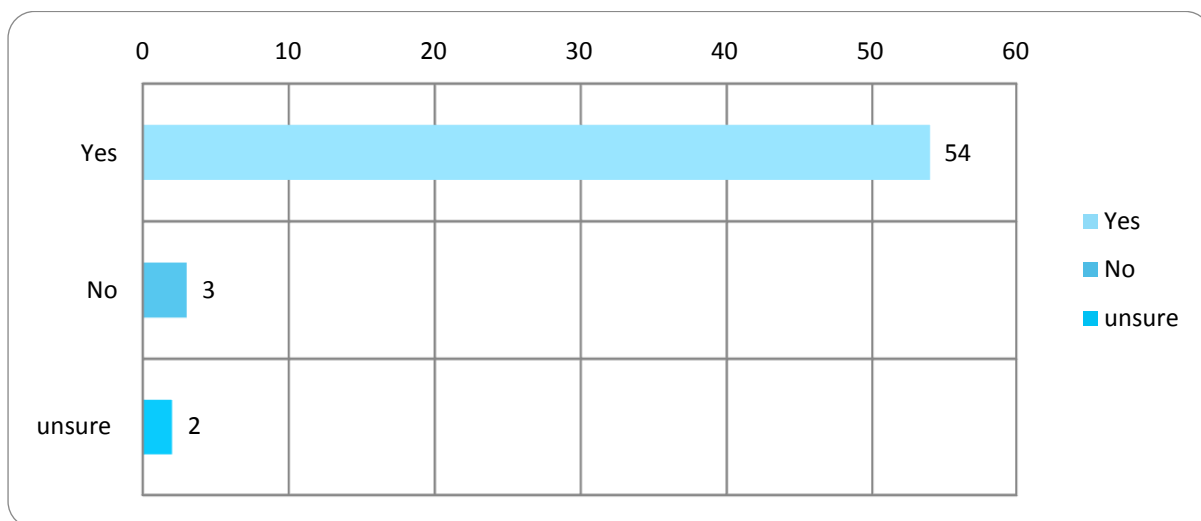


**Please tell us in the box below, the reason for your answer**

- Had no idea one existed
- The Council should be able to provide regulation and guidance on all establishments that may want to set up in the Borough
- The policy should enable a rigorous and consistent guide for licensing of a wide range of sex establishments, therefore allowing appropriate monitoring and enforcement action. It will also protect workers involved and residents within the area.
- Better to be regulated than not
- To make the local authority stance on such establishments clear
- A policy can be referred to and leaves little ambiguity
- There needs to be a policy in place for Sex Establishments, otherwise there would be a "free for all"
- If an application is submitted but there is no policy, then there are no grounds to reject or modify the application.
- do we have any sex establishments within the borough if so i have not seen them if we have i would not be happy about them
- In order to control the unauthorised opening of such premises
- So that the establishments are properly policed
- To establish standards required
- To ensure all interests are taken into account and applied consistently
- Yes if this is what the Borough needs then the business must agree
- This subject needs to be controlled to protect the young and Vulnerable

- It is a contentious area and should be subject to additional scrutiny and control beyond normal change-of-use planning regulations.
- It needs monitoring in all its particulars
- I would rather such activity is monitored and licensed rather than it operating 'under the radar'.
- Protection of sex workers and their neighbours
- Surely this is a national obligation for every council
- I don't know of any information about this subject
- Policy allows guidance for both party's
- I just don't know
- In order for any establishments to meet and adhere to rules and regulations
- Need control
- Ensures safety for all users.
- Better that these establishments are on council radar rather than "underground"
- It's something that is happening so it's right that the Council acknowledges it so it can be managed effectively.
- If it not mandatory it just extra expense
- Could be persuaded either way
- To ensure that the public are protected all the Licensing Policy regulations are carried out according to the Licensing Policy regulations.
- On the premise that the Council vetoes any attempt to create such establishments, without such a policy then "all hell" could result
- To reflect changes in attitudes, tolerance and wants in society
- If its licensed it will be monitored
- The council needs a policy in order ti control, inform and advise businesses requiring special licences
- I'm not aware of any sex establishments but if any come about, it is as well to be ready
- It does need to be regulated
- we are a growing society
- Totally inappropriate for an area like West Lancs to have Sex Shops. Any policy should be written to say they are NOT allowed
- Regardless of its content it is prudent for the Council to have this in place
- The business should be licenced and looked at like any other business
- The safer the council can make these businesses, the better.
- Not sure what is involved
- I don't think we should encourage this in our lovely market town, this could cause lots of problems with an establishment was operating

**Section 3.2 of the draft policy quotes the following: Therefore, the aims of this Policy Statement are to:1. Preserve the character of the Borough;2. Protect the public;3. Protect the staff employed in Sex Establishments;4. Promote good management standards in Sex Establishments;5. Promote equality. Do you agree with the aims of the policy?**

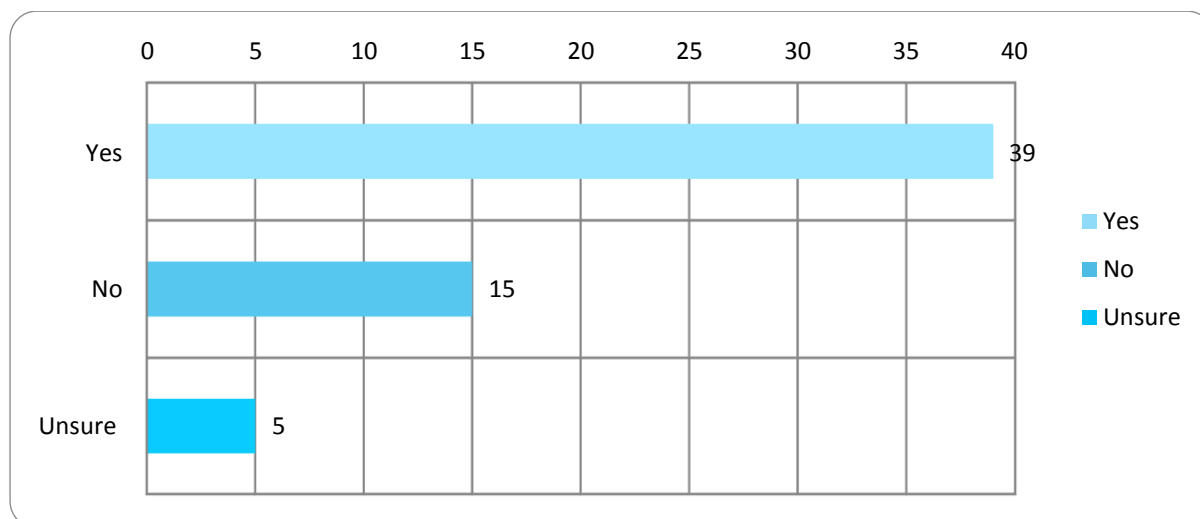


**Please tell us in the box below, the reason for your answer**

- The sex industry must be regulated to protect workers and the local area as much as possible.
- You may consider a further aim along the lines of 'working with partners to ensure any illegal establishments are investigated and appropriate enforcement action taken where needed'.
- Protects woman and children
- all good reasons for a policy
- One of the key aims should be to protect children specifically, in addition to protecting the public.
- Also, I don't think that the policy does anything to 'promote' equality. Perhaps 'prevent discrimination' would be more appropriate?"
- these establishments could attract the wrong type of customer and i also think about the younger generation and of course my town
- To ensure both Staff and public are protected from disease
- Do not agree with all. I do not see the ned for a sex establishment in Ormskirk, more appropriate in larger towns.
- As stated within the Policy.
- There has to be protocols in place for everyone's safety
- If this is what's needed it has to be run properly
- I Agree with all the above statements

- Comprehensive reasons for needing a policy
- There should be no hidden areas within the policy
- Vulnerable members of our county need to be protected and health standards maintained
- Although I'm not sure how equality comes into this!
- Sounds logical
- They all sound like common sense to me and have everybody's interest at heart
- Policy allows for standards to be set
- Safety is paramount
- Aims stated clearly
- Safety and accountability are paramount by everyone.
- The Council needs to understand the industry as with any other, it should keep the public's best interest as priority.
- Fair does
- Policy Statement Aims to ensure that the Borough and all persons therein are protected.
- There should be NO such establishments and consequently there is no need to protect (non-existent) staff or get involved in non-existent management standards.
- There is no mention of progressive outlook.
- Safety is paramount in these establishments
- It's fair and clear
- The aims are in keeping with any other type of business
- All these are good practice
- equality and protecting people from exploitation is very important
- "If you have a policy that is written to promote good standards it will be ignored.
- The policy should be straightforward and outlaw these types of premises "
- All acceptable points
- Sex establishments are going to happen. The safest thing to do is for them to be properly licenced and looked after.
- Discretion and safety
- This should have a policy, and be reviewed regularly

**The Council has set a policy limit of zero for the number of sex establishments of any kind that would be allowed in the Borough. This limit is not binding, as the Council cannot prevent an application from being submitted and determined in accordance with the law, but an applicant would have to demonstrate why the limit zero should not apply. Do you agree with this approach?**



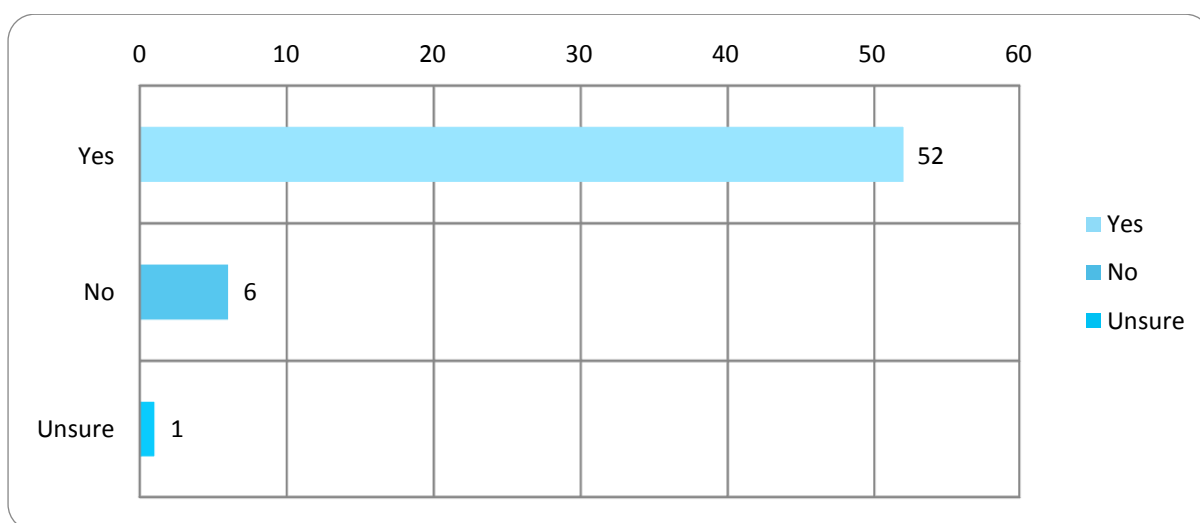
**Please tell us in the box below, the reason for your answer**

- Properly licenced and regulated sex establishments may well be welcomed by some. The Council should not have a Puritanical attitude towards anything - you are not the guardians of morals in West Lancs
- I would prefer a zero policy but if an application is legal, it should be subject to rigorous screening/vetting
- It makes it quite clear that such establishments have little or no chance of success in the area
- The policy should not be allowed to be overruled. Zero means zero
- I am glad there are no sex establishments in this borough
- I would hate to see these establishments popping up like charity shops
- "Establishments if properly controlled and policed are part of modern needs and society.
- They only open under cover otherwise."
- Not appropriate for this town
- If it assists with keeping prostitution off the streets, then continue.
- To maintain complete control over the creation of this type of establishment
- We don't need sex establishment in the area

- If Council have a zero tolerance, then that is fact, and this may not be what Borough needs if Council thinks the Borough should have one it has to be run correctly
- The borough covers a wide area and a lot of different environments, surely one of these would be suitable. Other local authorities manage to find appropriate locations.
- A need to get a full disclosure can only be gained if it's difficult to get the application granted
- my answer is the same as the previous question
- Are you saying that you don't want any premises? That's interesting, I can't believe there aren't any in Skem
- I'm unsure about this as potentially a zero limit pushes these kinds of establishments underground
- I don't like the idea of such an establishment being close to where I live
- We should not encourage establishments to set up but if an application is received it can be reviewed against the policy
- I'd rather there not be one
- If you're debating about having a policy but then setting the limit too zero why bother?
- We do twang them in the area
- It allows those wanting to apply an opportunity but keeps the general public satisfied for now that there is a zero limit.
- Someone uses them or they do not function Council approach NIMBY attitude
- The Council has good reasons for their decision, and we must abide by this.
- No need to here.
- There are perfectly adequate industrial estates where such venues could be operated without spoiling the beauty and historic appeal of the area
- I think if you have licensed establishments, it keeps things safe
- It means the rules are clear and applications will be reviewed fairly
- There is obviously a market for such establishments in the country and there could be a requirement in West Lancashire in the future. I suppose a zero limit is expected in this area but I think you have a limit of 1 now and there are no such establishments in the area, Why change?
- A regulated sex establishment should be allowed if there appears to be a need for it
- for some people there is a clear need for a sex establishment, such as lonely men and especially disabled men to fulfil a niche
- West Lancashire does not need such establishments as neighbouring boroughs provide this offer.
- As per previous answer, despite what OWL and the Tories think, sex establishments exist and will continue to exist. All this hyper Conservative backward approach does is force it underground.
- Control and safety for all
- Don't think this would be good for our town, and should not be allowed
- I understand that WLBC are aiming to maintain the character of the borough and protect constituents, however, does WLBC have evidence that such

currently excluded establishments would indeed have a detrimental impact on the Borough? And is there any demand for licensed sex establishments?

**Section 8.4 (Location of premises) of the draft policy quotes the following: With regard to the second of the above grounds, the Authority has decided, without prejudice to the generality of the statutory ground, that it would be inappropriate to grant or renew a Sex Establishment licence in any case where:1. The character**



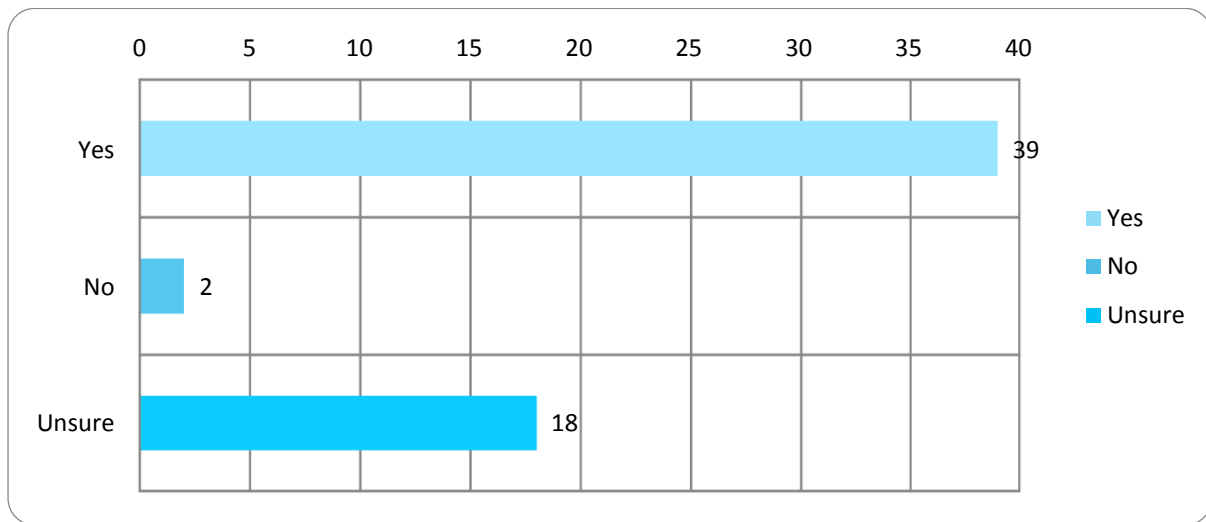
**Please tell us in the box below, the reason for your answer**

- The potential impact on the local area is extremely important and the potential risks for vulnerable people i.e., children must be considered.
- Fits with protecting vulnerable people
- Protect woman and children
- in total agreement.
- Generally, agree, but what would prevent an application in the middle of a high street from being approved?
- i would hate to think that one of these establishments were to open near where I live
- You are trying to cover all possibilities so that nowhere is suitable
- Would not like to see a sex establishment in Ormskirk
- Let those that need these establishment go to the big cities sex club establishments, Policing is better.
- If this is allowed all 6 sections must be agreed to
- Those would be types of areas were concerns are likely to be raised.
- An obligation to take into account everybody's view who fit into the above criteria

- care needs to be taken that people are not subjected to offensive operations or exposed to activity which they would find worrying or offensive
- Although I would also think it unfair to place one near business premises who operate in daylight hours e.g., cafes. Whereas pubs/clubs/take-aways might be ok
- Agreed, this list of places needs protection.
- The places mentioned all include where vulnerable people would be
- Business premises such as industrial area can be affected.
- It helps maintain peoples right and privacy
- It's an obvious list of places and is totally correct.
- The above list states venues that would likely be concerned over such an establishment.
- Six being unduly restrictive and not tolerant of towards laws of land a unjust and questionable bar is being placed on possible ideal venue
- All residents whatever their age must be protected from any inappropriate behaviour.
- It is not a wide enough statement of area or localities. It needs to specify and include ALL AREAS where the Council has remit.
- In my personal vision these are adequate and helpful.
- There are plenty of places to put them away from these places.
- To avoid anti-social impact on residential areas
- It is appropriate that sex establishments are away from areas that have children or adults who may be offended, Where would you put such premises in that case?
- It will not impact on the everyday of the general public
- We need to protect young children and people should be allowed to worship in peace although there are many industrial areas that could be used
- Yes, but the word vicinity needs defining...different people will have differing views on the distance anticipated
- All seem reasonable safeguards
- Once again these are utterly ridiculous and backward. Christians make up a minority of this country now. Their choice to worship should not infringe on those of others.
- Must be discrete and not cause offence to locals
- Sex establishments should not be approved anywhere
- I would agree for the majority, however, instance 5 seems questionable (with the exception of proximity to vulnerable people).



**Please refer to Appendix 3: Standard conditions - SEVs of the draft policy. Do you agree with the list of standards?**

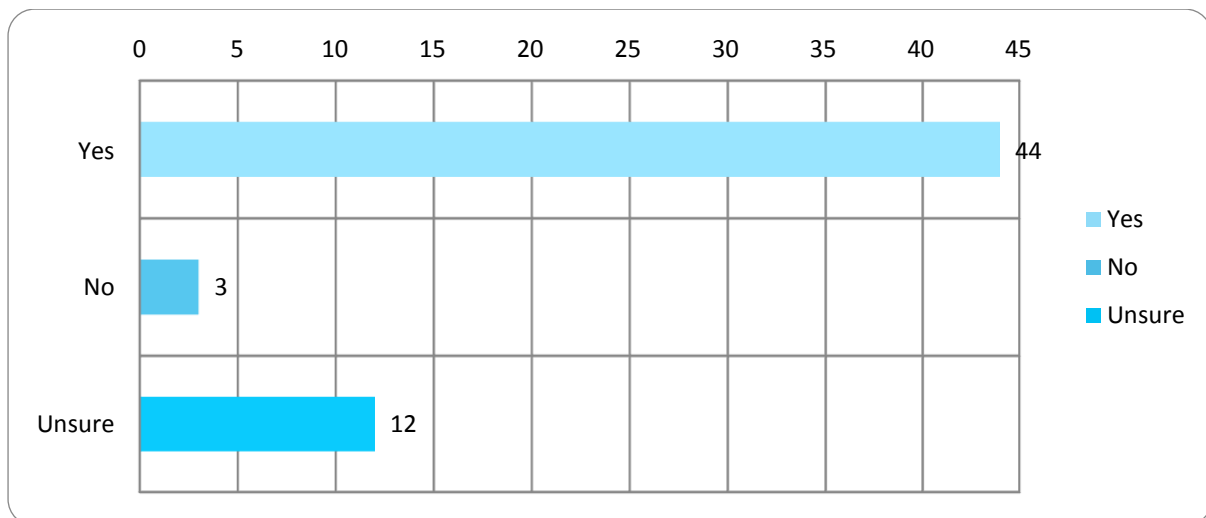


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- Whilst the conditions are reasonable, I would like to see more information relating to the council's enforcement policies so there is no doubt for all parties.
- I wonder if there should be some requirement for CCTV to be installed/functioning at any reception to such premises for the purposes of crime prevention and to assist security staff?
- No comment
- Personally, I would not like to see such an establishment opened in my town
- I agree with parts of appendix 3
- Not all
- Standards must be met.
- As previously answered
- As above
- This seems like a lot of effort when there aren't even any premises!
- Once again seems clear and logical
- Don't know
- Too much red tape and appendices in general.
- It seems reasonable and safe to have such a list. Whether it is followed would remain to be seen / audited.

- If managed and licensed properly then character borough ok Provision for refusal therefore not relevant unless council fail in duty
- The Standards are there to protect all ages of the public from what to some could be offensive.
- Same reason as last one.
- In my view they are fit for purpose
- These keep things controlled
- No problems
- Small establishments may not be required to have 2 security staff
- Perfect, covers age and protection of people
- What happens if the Feb 2023 dates stated in the Introduction are missed?
- Safety of staff and protects against people trafficking

**Please refer to Appendix 4: List of potential conditions of the draft policy. Do you agree with the list of potential conditions?**



**Please tell us in the box below the reason for your answer**

- No comment
- I would hope that the restrictions would deter these establishments from opening in this town
- I think the council is biased to the point where it difficult to get a licence for any of these establishments
- It is not appropriate to have sex establishments in such a rural residential area
- Standards must be met
- Already answered
- It is important that sufficient safeguards are in place
- n/a
- Sounds appropriate to protect the staff and visitors
- Don't know
- Again, these seem like reasonable requests for any business.
- Standard conditions internationally
- The conditions are there to protect the public especially the most vulnerable.
- Same again....
- As far as I can see these are fit for purpose
- No problems
- All scenarios are covered
- Seems very sensible to protect people from corruption
- Zero establishments should not require license conditions
- Yes, ok with that safety etc
- Prices on the exterior could make a discreet venue more conspicuous and detrimental to the kerb appeal in the vicinity. Alternatively, a web address on the exterior of the venue and pricing available online would be better.

- Please expand on 'controls of advertising' and 'controls of leafleting'. Difficult to agree or disagree to these conditions without further information being provided to the extent of the controls suggested.

**Please provide any additional general comments you may have about the draft policy below**

- I would prefer not to see these types of establishments within the west Lancs area and I am concerned about the enforcement processes that the council may have in place, including resources. Without this it is open to abuse by the business owners.
- Happy its regulated
- I agree that there should be no sex establishments registered/licenced in west Lancs. There are premises in neighbouring boroughs and online shopping therefore the need in West Lancs could be supported in other ways than by having premises in West Lancs.
- In total agreement to this policy, maintains the nature of our borough
- Although these kinds of places exist, I would not like to see them were I live I think that this would deter people from coming to our wonderful town
- It is essential that councillors are impartial.
- I'd rather there were well regulated brothels than women walking the streets. If you have no legal places on your books, then perhaps you should root out the illegal ones.
- An eye opener! Whilst we would prefer to pretend that things like this do not go on in the world it is important that there is appropriate regulation
- I'd rather there not be any sort of sex establishment in my local area. Purely because I don't see or feel the need for one
- No pointless exercise.
- No further comments.
- Think no sex business will be allowed You seem to think West Lancs is in some way of a higher standard than areas around and that the biggest entertainment industry in the world will have none of your residents using it cos people WL never do sex as it only the grubby flasher brigade any interest Tellin yeah Ormskirk is full of young adults a lot away from home are you telling me that not one amongst the population doesn't want go a lap dance club or get a mag and XXXX Upon return home they may well believe they stepped into Cromwells Britain Gangs don't spill out cinemas or sex shops fighting but you got enough pubs Go to Germany see the brothels quietly operating in areas much posher than yours XXXX no trouble low levels stds or attacks on workers cos managed but you want XXXX Get a grip it not going away but putting under carpet that's when you lose control
- You need to advise how and where this Statement is accessible.
- The amendments you have made in my view were correct and necessary but did not go quite far enough to reflect a progressive attitude within the borough.
- These establishments are there already but not legal, so if these are legalized it makes them safer for both the workers and the clients
- Where there are businesses of sexual nature there is the potential for anti-social behaviour, sexual assault, illegal activity, people trafficking etc. You should ensure that appropriate policing, support for the health and safety of sex workers, consideration to communities etc are given

- Sex Establishments especially Brothels can be a necessity for some people as long as they are regulated properly
- in most cases appears very useful but West Lancashire definitely needs sex establishments.
- Clearly these should not be allowed
- Sex establishments will happen in West Lancs. No matter how much owl and the Tories cry, people will still use them and work at them. The safest and best way to approach it is to licence them correctly.
- I think it is important to allow but have control of sex establishments to prevent people trafficking Also think premises should be spot checked at regular intervals and staff details checked
- I don't think it's appropriate for sex establishments in any area of our town. This would not have a good look for our town