



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Date: 25/04/2024

Subject: Club Heat License Application

Coventry Public Health Team have been consulted as part of the license application made by Club Heat, a sexual entertainment venue. The Club is having to relocate as part of the regeneration of City centre South and intends to operate from premises in Hertford Place.

The current Council SEV policy states that *'the Council has paid due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In particular, as regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation etc in relation to females engaged in performing at SEV premises and/or females living or working or travelling within the vicinity of such premises.'*

Coventry is committed to tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence in the city and the wider issues linked with the wider Violence Against women and Girls Agenda (VAWG) such as Modern Slavery and trafficking. and the PH team are developing joint work with Community Safety Team to support the NTE in addressing these issues of concern. Additionally, the Public Health team would also be able to support with other wider public health issues such as substance misuse and connections with Coventry Drug and Alcohol Strategy.

As part of this application process Public Health representatives met with the management team at Club Heat to discuss how the Club, its staff including security staff, performers and customers could be further protected and supported in identifying and responding some of these potential issues. The Club were very responsive to these discussions and willing to engage with further offers of support to ensure the venue and all attending the venue have access to appropriate training and support where necessary.

As such the Public Health team have no objections to the granting of this license and hope that the collaborative working will lead to an example of best practise within this area of business moving forward and will assist in shaping a refresh of the current Council's policy.

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