

Council pays £118,000 for year-long study revealing parents don't like the idea of strip clubs outside schools... Next up?

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I bet that you are all glad to hear that your Tax money is being spent wisely in these times of Austerity?

Who would ever have thought that parents wouldn't want a Strip Club near a school?

The article tells us that: *The research was funded by the*

Economic and Social Research Council, a non-departmental public body that receives most of its funding through the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

BIS, is tied in with 'Common Purpose'.

Never the less, well done to the ESRC for that epic conclusion.

Perhaps, the ESRC will now be given some more tax payers money to be spent equally wisely. Here's something that could be investigated at vast public cost. They could undertake a year long study to find out if Dorset Council should either prosecute the exasperated motorist (2nd article) who has been highlighting road potholes with spray paint, or whether they should just do their duty and fix the fucking things.

Give me fucking strength.

- Study has been criticised as a waste of taxpayers' money
- It found one in ten people want strip clubs banned



Waste of money: A study carried out by the University of Kent and cost the taxpayer £118,000

found people do not want strip clubs near schools

It may seem obvious to some but a new £118,000 study has discovered people do not like the idea of strip clubs being outside schools.

It took a whole year for the University of Kent's School of Social Policy to reach the conclusion of their report which was paid for using taxpayers' money.

The research was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, a non-departmental public body that receives most of its funding through the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Paul Alcock, chairman of Maidstone Town Centre Management, said: 'This survey is a total waste of money because they are actually telling us the flaming obvious.

'Most people don't want lap-dancing venues where kids can see them.

'The place for this sort of club is at the bottom of the high street or somewhere out of the way.'

The study, called Sexual Entertainment Venues and the management of risk, canvassed residents in Maidstone, Lincoln, Newcastle and Brighton and not surprisingly, it found 83 per cent of respondents felt lap-dancing clubs are not appropriate near schools or nurseries.

Nearly 1,000 people completed the online survey, which was designed to challenge the negative image attached to lap-dance venues.

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But Professor Phil Hubbard, who led the research, defended the study.

He said: 'If you are the type of person who believes all research in this country ought to be looking for a cure for cancer then I am sure our research seems unnecessary.'

'However, we set out to help local authorities decide where might be appropriate for lap dancing clubs, with a view to making safer cities for all.'



It took a year for the department at the University of Kent (pictured) to reach the conclusion of its report 'Many councillors and local authorities have already thanked us for producing research which will make it easier for them to evolve sensible policies for controlling lap dance clubs.'

The survey is reportedly the first of its kind to study the regulation of 241 lap-dance and striptease clubs in England

and Wales.

It found most local authorities have adopted new powers under the Local Government Act to close lap-dancing clubs which do not hold a sexual entertainment venue licence.

The survey also found 65 per cent didn't want strip clubs near religious buildings; three per cent thought lap-dancing clubs were suitable in residential areas; about one in 10 thought lap-dancing clubs should be banned; and people aged over 40 were found to be less tolerant of lap-dancing clubs.

Who is the exasperated motorist spraying 'Fix Me' next to every pothole he finds in his home town?

- Locals claim it is getting things done, with at least two holes being filled in
- But prankster has been warned they face prosecution for criminal damage

There can't be many drivers who haven't become exasperated at the proliferation of potholes on our roads.

And now one has come up with an eye-catching way of highlighting the problem.

But the mystery motorist, who has painted the words 'fix me' next to a number of the craters in Swanage, Dorset, could face prosecution if caught.



Not-so-subtle: A fed-up motorist hopes highways bosses will take the hint and repair the gaps in the road



Pothole-riddled roads: The mystery prankster has daubed white paint on at least 10 craters in Swanage, Dorset

Martin Hill, maintenance manager for highways at Dorset County Council, said: 'We have found several potholes marked in this way. It is illegal and anyone caught doing it could be prosecuted.'

'We haven't received any enquiries about these potholes and our local inspection team had already identified them before the markings were made.'

'They have been added to the work schedule for the next week. It's important to note the roads in Swanage are in no worse state than the rest of the country.'

The graffiti was photographed by retired lorry driver Robin Boulwood, 69.



Success: Locals claim some of the potholes have been filled in since the graffiti appeared on the roads



Direct action: The driver has been warned that he or she face prosecution for criminal damage

He said: 'I went out and took some more photographs but I have no idea at all who is responsible, the potholes themselves have been there for a few weeks since the bad weather started.

'My friend is a cab driver and his car became damaged because of them and if someone was on a motorbike at night they could come a cropper.

'I think whoever painted them went out overnight because no one saw anyone doing it, but since then, they have started getting repaired.'



Nuisance: Retired lorry driver Robin Boulwood said cars have been damaged by the broken surfaces



Eye: The driver has so far identified 10 holes – some of

which are more than 1ft wide

Read

more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2265927/Pothole-fix-pleas-Swanage-Who-exasperated-motorist.html#ixzz2J1Eeh0o5>

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