



LICENSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 7th October 2015

GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – REVISION (REP1308)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Gambling Act 2005 came into force on 1 September 2007.
2. The Act required the Council to adopt a Statement of Principles and to update this Statement, following a consultation procedure, by January 2010 and then ever three years thereafter.
3. On 5th August 2015 **REP1289** proposed a draft revision of the statement of principles for consultation.
4. It was agreed that any responses to the consultation would be reported to the Licensing Committee at its October meeting, in order that Full Council can adopt the statement at its meeting in November, ready for publication 31 January 2016.
5. This report documents the responses received during the consultation period.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	All
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mary Rudd Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety
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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Gambling Act 2005 replaced most of the existing law about gambling in Britain save that it does not include, within its scope, the National Lottery.

1.2 The Act has three core objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

1.3 Local authorities have responsibility for publishing a three-year Statement of Principles and next revised guidance must be published by January 2016.

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 At the beginning of the consultation period a link to the draft documents was sent to:

- The Chief Officer of Police.
- The Responsible Authorities named in the Gambling Act 2005.
- Persons carrying on gambling businesses within the district.
- Groups representing vulnerable persons.
- Parish and Town Councils.

2.2 The draft policy was also available on the Council's website.

2.3 The timetable agreed for the consultation was:

Report to Licensing Committee	05 August 2015
Public Consultation	8 Aug to 25 Sept 2015
Consideration of policy in the light of responses to consultation	07 October 2015
Adoption of Policy by full Council	18 November 2015

3. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

3.1 Two responses were received during the consultation period; one from Gosschalks solicitors on behalf of the Association of British Bookmakers (ABB), and one from Coral Racing Limited.

3.2 The comments from the ABB related only to the existing policy, and the comments from Coral Racing relate to the proposed amendments to the Statement.

3.3 Appendix A outlines the responses with extracts from the draft statement, and officer comment.

4. FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. OTHER KEY ISSUES

5.1 The decision affects the entire District.

6 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

6.1 To comply with statutory requirement.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That following consideration of the responses received, the Statement of Principles be recommended for approval by Full Council on 18 November 2015.

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Responses to consultation with officer comment and suggested amendments.
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BACKGROUND PAPERS.

Draft Gambling Act: Statement of Principles. 4th edition.

http://www.waveney.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=197&categoryID=1134&pageNumber=3