

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To review the existing Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles for North Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 To agree to refer the reviewed Statement of Principles to Full Council for approval.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005. The Act regulates Gambling Activities and will introduce Operators licences, Personal Licences and Premises Licences. The Gambling Commission will be responsible for issuing Operators and Personal Licences, while the Council will be responsible for issuing Premises Licences.
- 2.2 The Act also permits other Gambling Activities. These permits include Amusement with Prizes (AWP) in premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 where consumption of alcohol is on the premises (Public Houses etc), where Clubs are authorised to supply alcohol to their members under a Club Premises Certificate (Private Members Clubs) and Family Entertainment Centres. The council will be responsible for issuing these permits.
- 2.3 The current Statement of Principles was approved by this Committee in November 2006. It is a statutory requirement to review the Statement of Principles every three years.
- 2.4 The review of the policy has been carried out. A copy of the revised policy is attached as Appendix A to this report. The responses from the consultation are attached to this report as Appendix B.
- 2.5 The Previous Statement of Principles is attached as Appendix C to this report.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – to review the current Statement of Principles, accepting the changes following the consultation; or
- 3.2 Option 2 – to review the current Statement of Principles, without change.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – The Statement of Principles has been reviewed and changed following consultation.
- 4.2 Option 2 – The Statement of Principles could be reviewed and remain unchanged, however this would not take into account the comments received.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 There will be no resource implications associated with this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 Gambling Act 2005
- 6.2 There are no other implications associated with this report.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation on the Statement of Principles took place over 10 consecutive weeks. Any comments made were discussed by the Working Group at the end of the consultation period.
- 7.2 There are 4 written responses received during the consultation period , and although they do not make any comments on the Statement of Principles, they do offer their support. These written responses are attached to this report at Appendix C.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That Option 1 be approved and the Statement of Principles be submitted to Full Council for approval.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: -

Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles

Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities 3rd Edition